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BRITAIN'S NEW CRUISERS. WASHINGTON TREATY OBSERVED. LATEST RELATIVE FIGURES. BRITAIN KEEPING WELL AHEAD.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, February 27.—In the House of Commons at 10.15 a.m. Mr. Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, said it was not in the public interest to publish the details of the new cruisers, but they would conform with the requirements of the Washington treaty.

The Admiralty expected the cost to be between £1,500,000 and £2,000,000.

The effect of their building on the number of personnel in the Navy must depend on decisions reached on the replacement programme, which would be the subject of a Government investigation.

The latest figures for the light cruiser strength of Britain, America, France and Japan were as follows:—

Britain	48
America	29
France	16
Japan	28

Mr. Ammon added that had the full programme of the late Government been embodied in the naval estimates for 1924-25 the extra cost involved would have been approximately £3,000,000, and the additional personnel 14,000 men.

Mr. Ammon said the increase in the Mediterranean Fleet did not indicate a change of policy on the part of the Government.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

CHINA'S KEEN INTEREST.

DANGERS TO AVOID.

LONDON, February 27.—In an article in the "Nineteenth Century" on Asia and the League of Nations, Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, Chinese Charge d'Affaires, urges China's claims to a seat in the Council of the League. He emphasises China's keenness for the principles of the League and points out that failure to observe the geographical basis of the Council representation may prejudice the future of the League.

If the League ever ceases to be a world wide concern, says Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, the result will be that the nations situated on the American continent will establish their own league and the nations of Asia will follow suit.

COMMONS' DIVISION.

HOW THE PARTIES VOTED.

LONDON, February 27.—As a result of yesterday evening's vote, it is unlikely that the Poplar debate will be resumed.

The division revealed differences in the Liberal Party. At least a dozen members of the Conservatives; others abstained as a protest against Liberal tactics, while a large section voted for the Government.

There was no cross voting among the Labour members and the Conservatives.

[The Government successfully withstood the first serious Opposition onslaught in a debate evoked by the action of Mr. Wheatley, Minister of Health, in withdrawing the previous Government's order restricting the amount of poor law relief payable by the Poplar Guardians which the Opposition interpreted as a dangerous precedent. Mr. Asquith moved a vote of mild condemnation which the Unionists sought to strengthen by an amendment.]

MAKING LIFE WORTH WHILE.

PRESIDENT HARDING'S INSPIRATION.

WASHINGTON, February 27.—A joint session of Congress was held in honour of the memory of the late President Harding at which President Coolidge, Mrs. Harding, Cabinet Ministers and members of the Diplomatic Corps were present.

Mr. Hughes, the Secretary of State, in an eloquent address, declared that Mr. Harding's death was due to his exhaustion of himself in the service of his country.

Mr. Hughes concluded with a charge that Mr. Harding's spirit of brotherly understanding must characterise his countrymen if American life were to be worth living.—Reuter's American Service.

FOR THE BABY.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH CONFERENCE AT Y.W.C.A.

To give parents of the community an opportunity of learning facts with regard to the care of their children, and to make more generally known the need and importance of permanent work for the health and protection of children are the main objects of a four days Children's Health Conference, which opened on Tuesday at the Chinese Y.W.C.A., 50 Canal Road.

The committee consists of Dr. S. L. Wong (Chairman), Dr. Wan Man-lai, Mrs. I. Mitchell, M. D., Dr. Gladys Fraser, Dr. T. P. Woo, Mrs. B. L. Moeller, Mrs. Lum Tse-wai, Miss N. E. Elliott, Miss O. P. Mackay and Mrs. B. N. Young.

During the Conference there will be Children's Welfare exhibit, demonstrations of bathing, clothing

and feeding, and lectures on the care of the mother and the child, as well as physical examinations by appointment. Children of pre-school age only will be examined.

No medical treatment nor medicines will be given at the conference, but the mother will be advised as to the physical condition of the child, shown its needs and how it may be improved.

For the first two days there has been an enthusiastic response; no less than 117 visitors attended on the opening day and more than 80 yesterday. A new departure, that will be greatly welcomed by Chinese mothers, will be introduced at the Y.W.C.A. after the conference with regard to the Baby Clinics, which will in future be called by the more appropriate name of Health Centres.

It is proposed to extend the Health Centres for examination to seven, instead of two as before, in order to benefit more children.

HIGH TREASON TRIAL. PROCEEDINGS TAKEN LIGHTLY. SENSATIONS UNLIKELY.

(Reuter's General Service.)

MUNICH, February 27.—A slight snowfall this morning sufficed to keep away from the vicinity of the court house even the few who assembled yesterday. It is evident that the citizens of Munich are little interested in the trial, because already it is clear the case will provide no sensations and will not have serious consequences for General Ludendorff and Adolf von Hitler, a fact of which these two are probably aware.

One of the accused, Weber, President of the Nationalist Oberland Bund made a statement to-day explaining that the aims of the Bund were chiefly to tear up the Versailles treaty and create a new German Fatherland. He gave an account of his conversations with von Kahr, von Lossow (Chief of the Bavarian police) and von Seisser, showing that all three approved the revolt.

[General Ludendorff, Adolf von Hitler and seven others are being charged with high treason in connection with the unsuccessful Monarchist coup. The trial is taking place in a court room guarded by barbed wire and armed men.]

WATCHING GERMANY.

PROPOSED MILITARY CONTROL.

COMMITTEE OF GUARANTEES.

PARIS, February 27.—The Ambassadors' Conference has assembled to discuss the British memorandum for military control of Germany which proposes to revive the Inter-Allied plan of September 1922, substituting a committee of guarantees with limited functions for the present control commission.

The plan was dropped owing to the occupation of the Ruhr.

LATER.—The Ambassadors' Conference referred the memorandum to the inter-Allied Military Committee at Versailles presided over by Marshal Foch.

BERLIN, February 27.—A semi-official statement refuses to believe that the British Government will lend a hand to encroachment upon German Sovereignty involved in the revival of the guarantees committee which was not provided for in the Treaty of Versailles.

BELGIAN PREMIER RESIGNS.

ECONOMIC CONVENTION SEQUEL.

BRUSSELS, February 27.—The Chamber has rejected by 93 to 79 votes a bill embodying the Franco-Belgian economic convention. The premier announced that he would resign as the Government had made the bill a matter of confidence.

The Franco-Belgian convention which has caused M. Theunis to resign has been the subject of negotiations for two years.

The measure has been strenuously opposed by Belgian manufacturers and the Press on the ground that it gave France seven more concessions than were granted Belgium.

BOXER INDEMNITY FUNDS.

COMMITTEE BEING APPOINTED.

LONDON, February 27.—In the House of Commons, Mr. A. Ponsonby replied in the affirmative to a question whether the Government intended to introduce a Bill enabling them to appoint a committee to deal with the disposal of the Boxer indemnity, but said that no inference should be drawn with regard to the likelihood of the Boxer indemnity funds becoming available for defaulted payments on unsecured debts of the Chinese Government.

WASHINGTON LABOUR CONVENTION.

LONDON, February 27.—In the House of Commons in answer to questions, Mr. Shaw, Minister of Labour, announced that he proposed shortly to introduce legislation dealing with the Washington Hours Labour Convention. He added that what had occurred in Germany was a contravention of the convention and could not absolve us from keeping our word.

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LONDON, February 27.—Mass meetings of the members of the Stevedores' Union at Poplar, Canningtown, and Bermondsey this morning unanimously decided to call off the strike. Work will be resumed to-morrow.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, on MONDAY, 3rd March 1924, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1923, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd February to 3rd March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hongkong, 12th February, 1924.

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THE THIRTY FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY the 4th of March 1924, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1923, and declaring a dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY the 19th February 1924, until TUESDAY the 4th day of March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1924.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY the 6th March, 1924, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of accounts to 31st December 1923.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd February to 6th March, 1924, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1924.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the year ending 31st December, 1923, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable on and after the 25th day of February, 1924, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1924.

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S. COLLETT,
Civil Secretary.
H. M. Naval Yard,
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1924.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

A further satisfactory fall in the number of cases of foot-and-mouth disease was reported.

It was reported that up to Nov. 9 the aggregate sum guaranteed under the Trade Facilities Act was £38,205,645.

A Diplomatic Correspondent states that appreciable progress has been made in the negotiations in connection with the Hungarian Reconstruction Loan.

Viscount Inchcape and Lord Banbury of Southam having been introduced in the House of Lords, Lord Askwith, on behalf of Lord Newton, brought in a bill to amend the law relating to the regulation of advertisements.

Ajab Khan, the leader of the gang who murdered Mrs. Ellis, is reported to have reached Kabul, and his followers are also expected there. It is anticipated that the Amir's Government will merely deport them to Afghan Turkestan.

Estate of the gross value of £62,852 was left by Sir Henry Babington Smith, of Saffron Walden, who was private secretary to Mr. Goschen when Chancellor of the Exchequer, and to the Earl of Elgin when Viceroy of India.

In the King's Bench Division judgment, with costs, was entered for Messrs. Trower, Stille, Keeling, solicitors, in their action against Sir William Miller, claiming £2,364, balance of a bill of costs, in connection with his son's matrimonial affairs in the Divorce Court.

Before Parliament met, Mr. Baldwin visited Buckingham Palace, and tendered to the King his resignation as Prime Minister. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was received by his Majesty, and consented to form a Government. He was sworn in as a Privy Councillor.

In the French Chamber of Deputies it was decided by a large majority to postpone the interpellations on the cancellation of the increase of army and navy pensions. The Financial Commission will be able to report on the Government's new measures to deal with the franc crisis.

A despatch from Washington states the United States cruiser "Tacoma," which stranded on the Barquillas Reef, is now lying on her side, virtually a total loss. The fate of her crew, which numbered 300, is absolutely unknown.

By her will Mrs. George Wilson whose estate is estimated at over a million sterling, bequeathed £50,000 to my best friend, O'Brien Hoagland, known as Jack Henderson, as a token of my affection for his friendship at a time most needed.

When Yussuf Kemal Bey, the new Diplomatic Agent in London visited the Foreign Office recently, he was informed that the British Government had agreed to Constantinople as the venue of the Anglo-Turkish negotiations in regard to the Mosul area, and that Sir Percy Cox would represent Great Britain.

During a violent storm, when the wind attained a velocity of seventy-two miles, the "Shenandoah," the biggest airship in the world and the pride of the American Navy, broke from her mooring mast, and for some hours drifted helplessly before the wind. She has now been safely housed in her hangar.

In granting a decree nisi to Mrs. Lilian Linton, of Upper George-street, Portman-square, who sought the dissolution of her marriage on the ground of her husband's cruelty and misconduct, Mr. Justice Hill said one's only regret was that such brutality as had been described could not be adequately punished. He regretted that the man could not be criminally punished.

Much indignation and astonishment have been created in India by the announcement of the Marquis Curzon that the Afghan Government have decided to remove the frontier murderers to a distant part of Afghanistan. Among Europeans in India the view is strongly held that these cold-blooded assassins should be handed over to the British authorities for trial after the necessary preliminary proceedings at Kabul.

A new passage-money agreement was concluded between the British Government and the Australian Commonwealth. It provides for a continuance until March, 1925, of the arrangement under which each Government bears half the cost of passages of assisted migrants. While the fares for adults remain the same, important modifications have been made in the rates for children.

GREATEST LIGHTS.

1,000,000,000 CANDLE-POWER.

The marvellous progress that has been made during recent years in the science of lighthouse illumination has been demonstrated lately by the constructors of huge lights throughout various parts of the world.

The new light of 1,000,000,000 candle-power for the aerial lighthouse at Dijon, on the Paris-Algiers aero route, will be by far the most powerful in the world. At present the light with the highest luminous intensity, 40,000,000 candle-power, in Europe belongs to the Heligoland lighthouse, while the most powerful in the world up till now has been the 60,000,000 candle-power light at the entrance to New-York-Harbour.

The equipment of the billion-candle-power light for Dijon includes eight lenses, each subtending a full 180 degrees, at the focus of each being a lamp consuming 120 amperes. The lenses are grouped four and four, in such a manner that the four beams are joined into one at a certain distance from the source. The other group of four is similarly arranged, but shines in the diametrically opposite direction. Each of the two beams is of a billion candle-power.

Externally the lighthouse presents the appearance of a stone tower 10 metres in height and 5½ metres in diameter, with several storeys. Within, the turning parts comprise circular platforms, all mounted on a common shaft. The lenses, occupy the two upper storeys or platforms.

WORKED FROM THE GROUND FLOOR.

During the operation of the lighthouse no attendance is required by the lights themselves, all the controls being on the ground floor. Even the changing of the carbons in the arc lamps is done from below by means of a system of elevators. The regulation that maintains the luminous crater at the tip of the lens is likewise done from the ground floor by means of a system of hand operated gears, which operates by lengthening or shortening the optical focus of the system, the range of adjustment being several centimetres in either direction.

The exact position of the arc is visible downwards by means of a sort of periscope, in which one sees at the same time a grating composed of two very fine threads that cross at a right angle, and whose crossing point indicates the exact position of the optical focus. The operator has only to see to it that the image of the arc falls upon this crossing point of the threads.

To insure an even burning down of the negative carbon, the latter is slowly rotated upon its own longitudinal axis; and this insures a very regular arc at the exact focal point.

The rotation of the ensemble is effected by a small electric motor located under the platform of the second storey. The opinion of this motor engages a circular rack on a central column. The rotating group rests upon a bed that rises through the centre of the ground floor; and the bearing is through a mercury bath as is usual in lighthouses.

The large number of lenses used presents the advantage that in the event of an accident putting one lamp or one lens out of commission, the intensity of the beam on the side affected is decreased only by one-quarter, and that of the other beam not at all. The beam will be visible in clear weather for a distance of 18½ miles, and in average weather half that distance.

PORT SAID LIGHTHOUSE.
Another wonderful lamp is that recently completed by a Birmingham firm of engineers for Port Said lighthouse. It has a 1¼ million candle-power installation, and is one of many types of lights either in operation or partly constructed to orders from all parts of the world—Canada, Africa, Australia, Russia, and other countries.

The light for Port Said consists of the lens, mercury float pedestal, revolving clockwork mechanism and burners, and the lantern inside which the apparatus is placed is 12 feet 9 inches internal diameter. The illuminant is an incandescent oil burner, giving a very high intrinsic brilliancy, and will replace the existing electric lamp, with a large economy in cost of upkeep and attendance.
The beam from the new lens will be about 1,250,000 British candles, which will give a luminous range of between 90 and 100 miles in clear weather in the Mediterranean. The height from the sea-level to the focal plane of the light when erected on the tower will be 184 feet, and this will give an actual geographical range to a vessel at sea of 24 miles.

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AN AUSTRALIAN LIGHT.

Another gigantic light is that which is to be erected in the lighthouse on Eclipse Island, Western Australia. This lamp will have a power of 1,167,000 British candles, and will give a triple flash every twenty seconds, which will be seen 95 miles away.

The revolving part of the lantern weighs three and a half tons. The light will cost only £4, an hour, because the oil burner is fitted with an immense incandescent mantle.

It is also of interest to note that a huge searchlight has been installed in the Swiss Alps, at the Parnass Ski Hut, which is above Davos, at an altitude of 7475 feet, and that this beacon will prove of great benefit to Alpine climbers who might be unlucky enough to lose their way or meet with any mishap in the mountains.

It may be added that new lamps are being fitted to certain of the lighthouses round the British coast, and that the engineers and experts at Trinity House are evolving a new formula for estimating the candle-power of the lights, which involves a revision of the strength of the beam thrown. In the circumstances, officials at Trinity House are unable to say which is the most powerful lighthouse in the British Isles. There are only three, the lights of which are produced by electricity — St. Catherine's, the Lizard, and South Foreland. The remainder, over 60, are worked by oil, and every year they consume 145,000 gallons of paraffin. A strong light of 400,000 candle-power also absorbs nearly 4000 gallons of oil.

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The burner is a "Chance" incandescent oil burner, with automatic mantle about 4½ inches in diameter. This works on the vaporised oil system, the oil being stored in containers in the lantern and forced up to the burner by air pressure. The use of automatic mantles instead of the old colloid type is a modern innovation, and results in a great increase of candle-power from the lens, the intrinsic brightness of the mantle itself being about 70 per cent. higher than that given by the old type.

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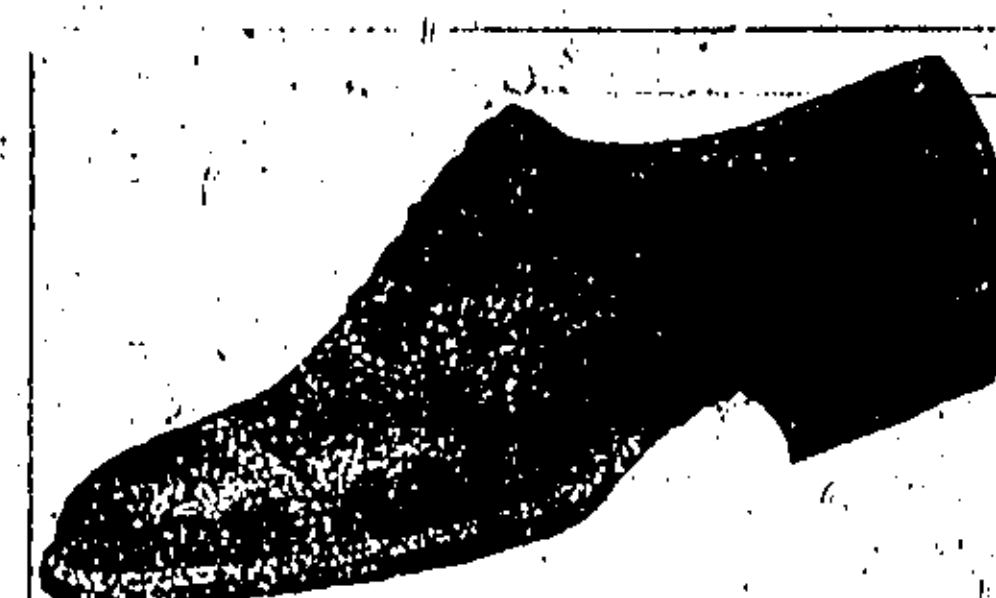
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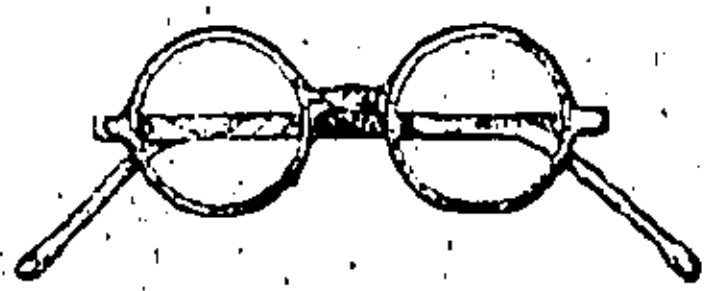
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BIRTHS.

PEACH.—On February 21, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Peach, a daughter.
MAHOOD.—On February 19, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Mahood, C. M. Customs, a daughter.

DEATHS.

RIDDLE.—On February 13, 1924, at Birmingham, England, William George Langhorne Riddle, of Innis and Riddle (China), Ltd.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG THURSDAY, FEB. 28, 1924.

TRAMS.

A community may get the tramway system it deserves, but it might conceivably be argued that Hongkong deserves a better system than it has. We may well ask if the Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd., earning the huge profits it does, has moved with the times, and if it has only itself to blame if, sooner or later, it is compelled to meet the competition of encroaching motor bus services. Correspondents—those who use the cars daily—have from time to time voiced what seem to be reasonable grievances regarding the trams. One insistent complaint has been that the Company

is either unwilling or unable to enforce its regulations regarding overcrowding of cars, which is by now a not uncommon occurrence. If the Company's rules are not enforceable by law it should take effective supervisory steps to see that its rules are observed. Another method of meeting the difficulty might be the provision of cars of a larger holding capacity—certainly these would be of immense service on Saturdays and race days when crowds make their way to Happy Valley. Whilst there has been a distinct improvement to some of the covers of the upper-deck cars, the new arrangement referred to by the Chairman of the Company, does not adequately provide protection in rainy weather. There should either be an entirely enclosed type of car, as in Manila and Shanghai, or the upper deck should be enclosed as is the case in some of the cities at Home. Is there any argument against such a lightly built enclosed structure as against the canvas-sided—soon to become dirty—arrangement which prevails at present? The Officials and Directors might, to the advantage of the Company, make journeys on their cars and test the reasonableness or otherwise of the complaints made. The season-ticket arrangement operated by the Company is doubtless appreciated, but cannot the system of the purchase of books of coupons at a rate advan-

taged as to the purchaser—as was the case before Chinese coins became illegal tender, be re-introduced? The matter it appears to us might very well be considered. The Star Ferry Co.—another public utility concern has set an example of reductions worthy of emulation. It seems unlikely that Kowloon is to have an electric car service—and from the standpoint of "beauty" most people will be glad. There is no reason why the Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd., should not seek permission to run motor busses on the Hongkong side—and we hope they will do so—before it is too late.

The China Group.

"Reuter" has flashed the exceedingly interesting information that Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P. and Dr. Chapple have been appointed Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parliamentary Group to watch Chinese affairs. "Tay Pay" we know, but who is Dr. Chapple, and what does the Group do? Mr. O'Connor is an Irishman and therefore likely to have a great deal of interest in "distressful" countries. He is a journalist of note, and if we understand a man by his writings, has a warm and sympathetic heart for all causes that tend to progress and reform. How "Tay Pay" will find time to attend to his parliamentary duties, his journalistic work, and his "China Group" is best known to himself. Dr. Chapple's qualifications to both himself about things Chinese is not quite clear. We find several Chapples in our book of reference, but not one with qualifications such as one would expect from a person interested in China. Thus one has written on "The Fertility of the Unfit"; "How to impress the evils of alcohol," etc. Another has written on the diseases of women; whilst another has published "The Boy's Grammar." Still, looking on one most of China of course, and either of these Chapples might be as competent to advise on the matters which affect this distressful country just as much, say, as Dr. Sun Yat Sen! In any case what does a China Group of the House of Commons actually do? Is Lady Astor a member of it, or Colonel John Ward? Do they read all the papers that come from China? Do they simply worry themselves about the course of trade; the appointments to our diplomatic service; the protection of foreigners or the maintenance of British principles wherever Britishers are to be found in China? The work of such a Group appears to be a tremendous thing, or could be made so. We hope it works in connection with the Student (Chinese) Body at home and sets itself to entertain, whenever it can, those who come from China on trade and education missions. Chinese students we know, in certain directions, are taken into the homes of English people and are treated, as they have a right to be, with that courteousness which, whilst it is the characteristic of the Chinese, is also not unknown in England. We wish Mr. T. P. O'Connor and Dr. Chapple well in their voluntary efforts, provided they are being performed on right lines.

Asking Questions.

The oldest resident well probably have been raising his eyebrows in sheer wonderment at the spectacle of shareholders in fairly large numbers attending meetings of limited companies, and actually asking questions. This is all to the good. Directors, Secretaries and Managers should welcome this active interest in their stewardship and regard it as a compliment. We often wonder if statements of accounts and balance sheets could not be made illuminating and easier to understand. With a little more time spent upon them they could. We are indebted to Lord Riddell for first making public the matter so far as Britain is concerned. A friend has sent him the annual accounts of a concern in the States with a yearly income of \$500,000. In spite of its huge volume of business and matters of detail this particular company issued its accounts in a most telling and informing manner—each item in the balance sheet and profit and loss account being explained. Three illustrations will suffice:—Plant and Equipment—so much. (This amount represents the cost to the company of the land, buildings, holders, gas mains, service pipes, meters, furniture and fix-

tures, miscellaneous production station and distribution shop equipment, storeroom equipment, and all other equipment used in the production, distribution, and utilization of gas and other operations necessary to the rendering of service to our customers.) Sundry Debtors—so much. (This was the money owing to the company on the above date on various accounts, other than those above stated, including rent due from tenants, amounts due from customers for services rendered, and various other items.) Materials and Supplies—so much. (This is the cost to the company of coal, coke, and oil on hand necessary to ensure the continuous operation of the plants, and other materials required for production, distribution, and utilization of gas and to maintain the company's property and render efficient service.) The idea, if followed in Hongkong, would be a very welcome innovation and the attention of Secretaries is drawn to it.

COOLNESS.

A book we are reading just now is "Life and Letters of Laurence Sterne." There is a little about the father of course, and an incident towards the end of his life is given which prompts us to use the word coolness. Pere Sterne is forced to fight a duel with a brother officer. They fought in a room and the other man ran the rapier through his opponent's body with such force that it pinned the unhappy man to the wall behind him. Sterne, "with great presence of mind" begged the other, before withdrawing the weapon, to be so good as to brush off any plaster that might have adhered to it, as it would be disagreeable to him to have it introduced into his system!

MATS.

There was once a "no-hat" brigade which died from ridicule. Its devotees argued that hair on the head demanded a free current of the pure undisturbed air that is to be found in all the great cities where chimneys belch forth their soot and smoke. The great British public however killed the idea with its shafts of pointed reference—and the "no-hat" brigade is being made to resume the brigade so far as the House of Commons and its lady-members, is concerned. It is a custom in the House that if a member wishes to address Mr. Speaker on a point of order while a division is in progress, when he does so he must be seated, and must wear a hat. If lady members come into the House, unless they can never raise points of order which is said to be a real disability. We sympathise somewhat with the ladies but suggest to some of our enterprising local exporters that a small trade—it will express lady members increase in quantity—can be done in sending home consignments of the velvet "bunnets" which we notice Chinese ladies have been wearing during the spell of cold weather we have had. They are fatty, more or less neat, occupy a small compass and do not need hat pins. We shall ask our fashion expert to mention the matter to Lady Astor.

TOC H.

Many who have wondered what this stands for will be glad to read the following contributed to a London paper by the Hon. Padre. "To C. H.," it is simply a nickname for Talbot House. "To C. H." was the B.E.F. signaller's method of distinguishing "T" from "V" or "E" or "P" when men's lives might hang on the accuracy of a field telephone message. The original Talbot House, opened in Poperinghe on December 15, 1915, was so named after Lieutenant Gilbert Talbot, of the Rifle Brigade, who died at Hooge on July 30. When the armistice broke out, the survivors of the old House (some 2,000 of all ranks, comprised of about 1,300 privates, riflemen, and N.C.O.'s, and some 700 officers) began to build bravely in the direction of a society—still called "To C. H." and out to conquer hate, or (as Toc H. says at Winnipeg) to consecrate humour. Secondly, Toc H. is not another ex-Service Society. Its first members only are war-bred. Already, the majority of its membership is from the younger generation. Its downward age limit is sixteen years. Its members are drawn from every class of society, and are pledged to carry into everyday practice the straightforward standard of fairness, unselfishness, helpfulness, and Christian outlook, which we call in Toc H. "the four points of our compass." Toc H. under its Royal Charter of 1922 is a self-governing body, with an elected and representative council. Its officers (chaplains) and members can be of any Christian denomination. It comprises with no local organisation, but supplements and reinforces what it finds already at work. It first establishes groups of a

few members. These groups grow to the status of branches, and are awarded, when their service-power is proved, their Lamps of Maintenance. Many groups and branches have their own hired premises. More than a dozen branches have now established permanent Houses for "Marks", which are garisoned by a team of resident members, and open to all non-residents, and form power-stations for all kinds of social service. Every branch has its jobmaster, who (as the Prince said) "puts his members at their fences."

There is something very big and fine in the idea of the Fellowship of the British Empire Exhibition as the following proves:—

The plan of the Fellowship is to ensure that—supplementary to its general purpose of advancing Empire trade and production—the British Exhibition should undertake certain definite tasks for imperial education and for the better distribution of the Empire's population. The Fellowship will carry out a scheme of imperial education and will grant a number of Empire Scholarships of £1,000 each, which will be available for young citizens of the United Kingdom to settle in the Overseas Dominions or Colonies; and for young citizens of the Empire Overseas to undertake a University course or a technical education course in the Home Country.

It remains to be seen what success greets the Fellowship and how it will carry out its aims. The idea reminds us of H.M. the King's slogan when as Prince of Wales he returned from a world tour and urged us all to think imperially.

To-day's Poem.

(Journey's End.)
What will they give me, when journey's done?
Your own room to be quiet in,
Son!

Who shares it with me? There is none
Shares that cool dormitory, Son!

Who turns the sheets? There is but one
And no one needs to turn it, Son.

Who lights the candle? Everyone
Sleeps without candle all night,
Son.

Who talks me after sleeping?
Son,
You are not called when journey's done.
—Humbert Wolfe.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY 28.

1775. I had inflammation in my face. It has hindered my going to Strawberry, whither the fine weather invited me. I wish we ever had such in summer.—Walpole.

A M E N .

To know what you prefer, instead of humbly saying Amen to what the world tells you ought to prefer, is to have kept your soul alive.
—R. L. Stevenson.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

February 28.—Coronet Theatre; Herbert Rawlinson in "The Victor."
February 28.—Star Theatre; "Sentimental Tommy."
February 28.—World Theatre; Jane Novak in "Divorce."
February 28.—Theatre Royal; excerpts from "Polly" and "Wanted A Smile" 9.15 p.m.
February 29.—Theatre Royal; 2nd Edition of the "Nine O'clock Revue," 9.15 p.m.
February 28.—Musical at the Helena May Institute, 8.30 p.m.
February 29.—At City Hall, Pancy Dress Ball, in aid of the S.P.C.A., 9.30 p.m.
February 29.—Cinematograph display at the Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
March 1.—St. David's Society Dinner.
March 11.—Master E. Danenberg's first public recital in St. Andrew's Hall (Theatre Royal), 5.30 p.m.
SPORTS.
March 1.—H.V.D.C. Tyro and Corps Championship Competitions, 2 p.m.
PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
February 28.—Lammert Bros., at No. 6, Duddell Street, valuable office furniture, etc., 11 a.m.
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COMPANY MEETINGS.

March 3.—Thirty-fifth meeting of the H.K. Electric Co., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.
March 4.—Thirty-fifth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co. Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.

March 6.—Nineteenth Annual Meeting of shareholders of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

T. T. exchange on London is 2/3 3/8; on Shanghai 7 1/4.

According to a Reuter cable from London, dated February 27, Epinaud has been scratched for the Lincolnshire Handicap.

In Des Voeux Road Central yesterday, a young Chinese from Hungnam ran into a moving tram and was hurt. He was taken to hospital.

The jurors' list for 1924 giving the names and addresses of all local residents liable for jury service was tabled at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council.

There will be a cinematograph display for children at the Helena May Institute on Friday, February 29, at 5.30 p.m. Tickets, 50 cents each; family ticket for 3 people \$1.00.—Adv.

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According to a Shanghai report the British steamer "Kochow" is ashore at Pak Nai, four miles below Mandarin Point at the westward end of Samghui Harbour. She lies close inshore and is out of the water.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Stabbs and General and Lady Fowler will be present at the S.P.C.A. ball. The Hongkong Hotel Band will play the dance music. All tickets must be given up at the door.

Another local use for the automobile has been found. Hitherto motor-cars have been used in Chinese wedding processions but last night, there were seen in a Chinese garage, two cars decorated with white and light-blue cloth—the Chinese mourning colours—and fitted out to take part in a funeral.

When the s.s. "Kinsan" left Canton yesterday, it was noticed that a Chinese, ostensibly a deserter, was being escorted towards the Bund by a Hunanese N.C.O. in a sampan. The fugitive had a wound in his shoulder from which blood was oozing but nevertheless he was roughly handled by his captor, who proceeded to bind him in full view of those on the steamer.

Esther Ralston, popular leading woman of many screen plays, has an important role in "The Victor," the Universal photodrama starring Herbert Rawlinson at the Coronet. She is Chiquita Jones, beautiful daughter of a millionaire chewing gum magnate, who is ambitious to marry a titled Englishman. Her dad's millions help and she is pretty enough for any Englishman. An actress wins the hero by a close margin. It is a clever combination of comedy and human interest drama, written by Gerald Beaumont and directed by Edward Laemmle.

The drafting of a new constitution for the New Territory Evangelisation Society is under consideration, states the annual report of the Union Church Committee of management, by which it is hoped that the connection between this Church and the Society will be strengthened. The Society still continues to do very effective work in the region beyond Kowloon and the Islands of the Colony. Contributions toward the expenses will be gladly received by Mr. R. L. Moeller (Y.M.C.A.) Treasurer, or Mr. W. W. McKenzie (Ross & Co.) Secretary.

"It is with regret" observes the Union Church Committee of Management in the course of its annual report, "that we record that at the end of the year no site for the permanent building had been definitely agreed upon, but there are hopes that before long this problem will be solved." Dealing with the question of a new Manse, the report goes on to say:—"It has long been felt that the position of the Manse is now undesirable as the district is very congested and becoming noisier every year. Enquiries are being made for another house or site, and it is hoped that during the coming year some definite step may be taken to secure a quieter location for the Pastor's residence."

KNIVES AND FORKS.

SHOCKS TO BE AVOIDED IN THE BOARDING HOUSE.

(By John Sinclair.)

When a distinguished citizen or visitor is made a Freeman of the City of Sheffield, the city shows its appreciation by presenting the honourable gentleman with a handsome cabinet of cutlery, a mark of its just fame as centre of the world's cutlery industry. In that case of cutlery there are knives, forks and spoons of all kinds, enough to decorate a decent sized family dinner table. When a guest at a Kowloon Boarding House is allotted the "best room" in the house, facing south, and in lieu thereof, pays an extra five dollars for it on top of a good round figure, he thinks of Sheffield and its cutlery.

There was quite a sensation at my place the other evening. A hungry diner at the next table was the centre of the attraction. Usually, he is a quiet fellow with little more than a "good morning" for anybody. Each afternoon, he must either play a particularly strenuous game of tennis or take a long walk, for he returns with a tremendous appetite, which, I might add, is completely dished by the sight of the menu. Anyway, this leads up to the cutlery. He had got to fish and was half way through his miserable portion of cod when he uttered an oath which startled all the shocked boarders within earshot. In his left hand he was wildly waving the butt end of a fork. The other part—the business end of it—was sticking out of his mouth. The fork had parted in twain and just as the spluttering fellow said: "he had expected it for a long time." He did not complete his mastication, but with a frightened look dropped his napkin and began a rigorous dissection of the carpet on the floor. Then he got up and walked out hurriedly. Why he ignored all rules of etiquette and disappeared was not explained until later.

I examined my implements and found the forks like the clerk who wears a blue serge coat to grey check trousers. The forks had lost their heads at some time and had been patched up with odd parts, a loose silver nickel ring encircling their middle to give them an air of completeness. A careless boarder rushing through his dinner if he happened to struggle with his beef triumph, raise the morsel to his mouth and then in the downward movement discover that half the fork was missing. It would be like the old lady who, in picking up her umbrella pulls out the handle and finds out when she is outside in the rain that the essential adjunct is reclining in the stand.

I am beginning to think that some of the dear old landladies in Kowloon have a secret spare parts shop where they pick up odds, and ends which can be patched up for their suffering boarders. Of course, I may quite possibly be wrong for the kind lady sheltering me has proudly boasted before today that her dining room cutlery was given her as a wedding present and has sobbingly added that her dear husband had forbidden her while he was alive to make use of them. I can only deduce that the husband was a wise man and that the wedding must have been hundreds of years ago. The forks, not to say the rapier-like knives, have certainly seen better days.

And as a sequel to that unfortunate episode the other dinner time, the indignant boarder of the next table was heard to be moving about his room all night like one in the throes of an illness. He looked pale the next day and when everybody had departed, again he began his mysterious search, sprawled on the floor, prying the carpet and moaning pathetically. This went on for two days and the Old Lady became much concerned, offering like the good woman she is, to call in a doctor. But on the third day at fifteen-thirty the young man was remarkably transformed. He had regained his colour and was eating with relish, but with one-plate fork. He volunteered the explanation, so relieved he said, to have passed through the crisis. When the fork parted in twain, he said, he was not so much concerned over the shock of it, but fearfully afraid that with the interrupted mouthful, he had swallowed the nickle ring. He had failed to find it on the floor and fearing the worst had seen a chemist. Two days of this drastic treatment did not solve the problem, but on the third, after two nights of agony, he had found the nickle ring in the bottoms of his tumbled-up trousers. After that, I notice, he always insists on a one-plate fork. I am ordering my own.

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TRAINED DIRECTOR FALLACY.

Mr. Orme The Right Man In The Right Place.

(Special to the China Mail by Spinifex.)

Catch cries have made half the world's history. Give ear a moment and you will hear them echoing down the ages. "Crucify him! Crucify him!" has not yet lost its fearful ring, nor has "Eldorado!"—even in these material days—yet lost its magic lure. "King and Country!" can still send great armies surging against each other, can still lock nations in the death grip, can still decide the fate of empires. With all his progress man remains to-day much the child of prejudice that he has always been. Any parrot cry, repeated often enough, will blind his judgment and sway his passions. Whether it is electing politicians or lynching negroes the impulse is always the same—sheer love of a heady and intoxicating catch cry.

Hongkong a Backwater.

Hongkong happily escapes this common evil to a great extent, not so much because human nature is nobler here than it is elsewhere, but more because there is less temptation. Governed by a benevolent autocracy—incidentally history's ideal system—we are largely free from the disturbing issues which breed and spread catch cries. Here we have no hectic elections, no flaming racial agitations, no terrible national hates; but only our prosaic daily bustle and our minor excitements like a City Hall dance or a new pirate outrage.

Comparatively trifling though our little local events are when weighed in the balance which takes also the huge issues in the great world outside our narrow, insular limits—not the congestion of a hundred Peak tram lines or the vagaries of a thousand "sensational" share booms can tip the scales against the whim which makes Mrs. Arris vote for a Labour politician and alter history—pitiful almost though our biggest troubles seem, shallow and futile though our most vaunted endeavours look when weighed against the events which are shaping the world's destiny, still we yet manage to take ourselves very seriously and to work ourselves up into a fine frenzy over a catch cry repeated often enough.

Storm In a Teacup.

Thus it is that we have witnessed the pathetic spectacle of the Colony raging with simulated fury over a cadet being made Director of Education. Was ever anything more childish! Stay your quick retort—I do not suggest that education is not important enough, even out here in Hongkong. Rather do I agree that among our local problems it is one of the most imperiously urgent. Surely the child of to-day is the citizen of to-morrow, good or bad, as the twig is bent. That granted, fully and gladly, you will hear me out.

First let me point out one vital little fact almost always ignored—the last Director of Education was not a cadet. What is the inference? Plain enough, the new Director a cadet. The post is not a plum specially kept for some favoured one in the select circle. Any man with the seeming ability may aspire for it—even a man whom experience may later prove largely unsuited, either temperamentally or through want of the necessary training. Any man may aspire for the post, yes, but mark this important point. When you have a permanently appointed Director, he is later proved never so unsuitable, you must suffer him always, for even commercial firms, with vastly more latitude than a Government, mostly find it hard enough to dispense with an unsuitable man before his appointed term expires, so narrow is the application of the word incompetent.

Advantage of the Cadet System.

Thus a Government has no option but to keep its unsuitable man in the post until he retires. But with a cadet how different. Very little time after he has proved himself unsuitable need elapse before he is removed to a sphere where his peculiar ability will give better service to the Colony. However important this point is in a general way, though, it has little moment so far as the new Director is concerned, for Mr. Orme is not only a man with personality and ability but is also

a man with special qualities for the high post he has been called to occupy.

Bringing It Home.

And that brings me to another vital little point which our local pundits are apt to ignore—possibly because it is so obvious. Suppose they are taipans of big honours with many departments. When they require a new head for one of these departments, do they go into the Club bar and seek the advice of the general throng? Hardly! They use the knowledge they have gained through experience. They weigh the available material—Jones is an excellent machinery man but distinctly not a success at piece goods; Smith has a happy knack for routine but he would be totally unsuited for spreading sales in China. Our mythical taipans weigh the available material—and they act accordingly.

Only common sense, you say. Are Governments then so devoid of common sense that they also do not follow this simple rule? Must we assume that they possess neither the mental grasp nor the moral force? With some Governments, perhaps—nothing is too wicked still to believe about the terrible Bolsheviks, even though we have recognised them for sordid trade purposes—but with our own Hongkong Government, upright and honest as the day itself? Why, the very question is a libel.

The Personal Side.

Conceding the very least then we must grant our Government sincerity in making the appointment it has. But even sincerity, you say is not proof against mistaken judgment. Verily! But have I not already shown that with a cadet in the post such an error could be remedied easily? That there is no error in the present instance I am absolutely confident. If ever there was a man suited for the post that man is Mr. Orme. He is one of those rare spirits who make their work their hobby. How many men, after their day's toil is over, will teach Greek to Chinese students for sheer pleasure? But then how many men have had Mr. Orme's special advantage in this direction?

Almost all his life he has been steeped in education. His father was a headmaster of no mean ability, at the Grammar School, Beaumaris, in North Wales. At Cheltenham College, where he was educated, Mr. Orme became head prefect and so gained the thorough knowledge of boys only one in that position could acquire. After winning an open classical scholarship at Hertford College, Oxford, he graduated with classical honours in 1901—the year that he obtained his cadetship in the Hongkong Service. Mr. Orme's closest friend and mentor was Dr. James, of Cheltenham and Rugby who was one of the greatest headmasters of his day. From this notable personality Mr. Orme derived not a little of the passion for education which has led him to employ his leisure in teaching.

Linking Two Cultures.

But it has not been for the mere abstract pleasure of teaching that he has taught Chinese students Greek. "There is a close affinity between the Greek and the Chinese cultures," he will tell you, "and this connection has not been sufficiently explored." Mr. Orme not long ago sent these views Home to Professor Gilbert Murray who in turn put them before Mr. Bertrand Russell. Both these eminent scholars agreed that the affinity does exist.

Mr. Orme is making a special study of this field, convinced that by grasping Greek culture in its pure form, Chinese students will be the better able to understand our more complex British culture which owes so much to Greece. That is his great aim. Establish a common sympathy and bring the two modern cultures closer together. He quite agrees that one will have to "go slowly" in applying this theory, but he is confident the time must come "when it can be put to good use."

Brighter British Children.

Although as Director of Education his primary concern will be with Chinese, through sheer numbers, Mr. Orme is by no means unmindful of his duty towards British children in the Colony. Here his policy is simple

"COLONY'S FINANCES.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

BULLET PROOF WAISTCOATS

The following financial minutes were down for consideration by the Finance Committee after this afternoon's Legislative Council meeting.

\$200,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, (104) compensation and resumptions.

\$20,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, (135) compensation and resumptions.

\$18,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, buildings, temporary school, Kowloon.

\$7,000 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, siding at Mile 21 to serve the Fu Ti Au Brickworks.

\$450 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, motor launch for taking soundings and making current observations.

\$6,000 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, recasting accounts of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, British Section.

\$1,901 on account of Police Department, special expenditure, bullet proof waistcoats.

ROADSIDE ROBBERY.

"CAT" FOR FOOTPADS.

A roadside robbery at Stanley Gap led to a larceny charge being preferred against two Chinese at the criminal sessions to-day before Mr. Justice Gompertz and a jury.

Evidence was given that a young married woman and her daughter were walking along the road from Repulse Bay on the morning of January 16 when, near Stanley Gap, they were intercepted by the prisoners, who threatened them with bamboo poles and took from them money and jewellery. Friends of the women set out after the robbers and with the help of Indian constables from the Wongneichong Gap police station captured them after a chase on the hillside.

Both prisoners were found guilty and sentenced to three years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the "cat."

and direct. "We will do our best to help those who are ready to try." The problem, he holds, is more one of character than it is of method and curriculum. There is no royal road except through cultivation of a strong will for good. The pupil with a strong character will learn from the simplest lessons, whereas the pupil with the weak character will profit from none. The foundations for a strong character must be laid in the home, and for the home training there is no substitute.

Helping Those Who Help

Themselves.

Especially true is this in Hongkong where material things loom so large. Parents must take extra pains to prevent their children from succumbing to the enervating influences of the East—the laxity which the presence of servants almost always induces. Strong character—that is the first essential, "for all we can do is to kindle and fan the growing aspiration."

These are mainly views, and however much parents may squirm, they must respect the man who has the courage to speak out. After all, if Hongkong's education system in the past has invited frequent criticism, nobody has denied that parents have very often been equally culpable.

What Vision Can Accomplish.

With the Education Department growing bigger every year, Mr. Orme has a huge task before him. Possessing both imagination and enthusiasm, however, he should soon have the department one of the very best in the Colony. This is no bare trumpets—that would only be offending an essentially modest nature—but a sober prediction made to allay any anxiety that parents may have felt through direful forebodings of what would happen if the Government appointed a cadet—hated name!—to be Director of Education. Far from calamity depending upon the Colony, the Education Department will soon cease to be the reproach it has been in the past and will inspire that confidence among the public which is vitally important mission demands.

ROPE COMPANY.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD.

PROPOSED CAPITAL INCREASE.

The fortieth ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. was held this morning. Mr. R. G. Shewan presided and there were present: The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. H. P. White and Mr. Allan Cameron (Consulting Committee) F. J. Tavares (Secretary) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. A. L. Shields, H. H. Taylor, W. J. Hawker, W. J. Carroll, A. A. Cordeiro, B. C. Randall, D. W. Monckton, A. H. M. da Silva, Fung Tat-hang, J. Toppin.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—"Gentlemen.—The report and accounts are now in your hands and I presume you are agreeable to our taking same as read. The balance at credit of profit and loss account is \$184,421.28 and after adding \$13,166.61 brought forward, and deducting \$60,000—interim dividend, there remains \$137,587.89 for distribution. We recommend that this amount be dealt with as follows:—

To Place to Reserve Fund	\$10,000.00
To Pay a bonus to staff	3,246.60
To Pay a Final Dividend of \$1 per share	60,000.00
To Bonus of \$1 per share	60,000.00
And to carry forward to the credit of next year's account	4,341.29
	\$137,587.89

The result appears to compare unfavourably with that of last year, but it is not really so, as, if you will refer to the previous year's accounts, you will see that it included the sum of \$67,000—odd, profit on the sale of 5,000 Cement shares, while on the other hand, you will notice that our actual working account for the year just finished compares very favourably indeed with that of the previous year. We cannot of course always depend on paying dividends out of windfalls from the sale of shares, as the money now invested in shares will probably have to be realised for purposes to which I shall refer later on. I trust that the proposed distribution of the profit will meet with your approval and as regards the small item of \$3,246.60 bonus to staff I can assure you that this has been well earned by all those concerned. You will notice that we have earned in rents \$13,540.94 which will be increased as the houses now being built come into occupation. These houses, I am pleased to say, have proved to be a very satisfactory investment for the company.

Increase of Capital.

As you are aware extraordinary meetings are being held which if passed will increase the capital this year to \$2,000,000. The purpose of this is, as you know, to enable us to transfer the factory from its present valuable site in Kennedy Town to a piece of ground across the harbour at Gindrinkers Bay. We are promised this land for the new site by the Government at a nominal price of one cent per foot, but we reckon that to fill it in and prepare will cost 80 cents to \$1 per foot and to prepare a portion of the site for the building will we fear take at least 18 months under the most favourable circumstances and to be on the safe side perhaps I had better say 2 years.

When the Factory has been completely transferred to the new site, the old one will be available for further development or for sale whichever may seem best in your interests. We shall, of course, take the opportunity to re-organise and overhaul the whole factory, scrapping any machinery that we find has become obsolete and substituting new and modern plant. We also intend to put down a small plant for making twine for which we find there is some demand.

Finances.

As to finance, we cannot just yet estimate what all this will cost but we shall have the new capital of \$500,000—to utilise and our present investments to fall back upon and eventually there will of course be the present site at Kennedy Town which amounts to 140,000 feet valued to-day at \$11 to \$13 per foot, land adjoining it having recently been sold at the latter figure. So his regards our finances, there should be no difficulty in obtaining all the money we may want.

As some shareholders were strongly of opinion that the Company was under-capitalised at \$600,000—it was decided that the present site—which as I said is worth to-day \$11 to \$13 per foot should be written up in our books to \$8.50 per foot and the increase

STOP PRESS.

HOME POLITICS.

LONDON, Feb. 28.

The Government was again the target for attack, this time on the motion for adjournment moved by Mr. Ronald McNeill, former Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, drawing attention to the question of the Government's responsibility for the utterances of Ministers outside the House.

Particular reference was made to the Government's policy with regard to the Versailles treaty arising from the speech by the Home Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson in the Burnley by-election campaign on February 23 in which he declared the treaty must be revised if further economic ruin was to be prevented.

Mr. MacDonald replying to the critics, said that Mr. Henderson had apparently been under the impression that as a Minister he could speak as a private citizen. Of course he was wrong. Mr. MacDonald declared the speech was not an expression of the Government's foreign policy, which was defined in his statement.

Mr. MacDonald pointed out that he was awaiting reports from the reparations experts' committees before making a complete survey of all the war problems.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin said that in view of the Premier's reassuring statement the party would not press for a division and the motion was accordingly negatived without divisions.

ARREST SURPRISE.

RUSSIANS SEIZE JAPANESE OFFICER.

TOKYO, Feb. 27.

Semi-official Foreign Office advice confirm a despatch from Vladivostok reporting the arrest of Captain Matsui, a member of the General Staff.

The Russian authorities are reported to have searched his residence on February 26, arresting him without explanation, also his two interpreters.—Reuter.

Before the formal business of this afternoon's Legislative Council meeting began H.E. the Governor presented the Royal Humane Society's bronze medal to Chief Preventive Officer Watt who very gallantly rescued a Chinese man and woman from drowning during the typhoon which struck the Colony last year.

amounting to \$901,796—has been transferred to the credit of profit and loss account. Against this the sum of \$900,000 will be paid out in bonus shares to that amount, thereby increasing the present capital to \$1,500,000—and this amount will again be raised to \$2,000,000 by the issue of 50,000 new shares at \$10 each. These changes will all be made this year so do not appear in the accounts now before you.

As regards our prospects for the current year, we have not gone far enough for me to prophesy with any degree of safety. We have to contend with increased competition in our different markets and also with a constantly fluctuating hemp market in Manila, but we seem to be able to hold our own and a little more, and I trust we shall continue to do so during the present year.

Finally I have to ask your approval of the items in the profit and loss account of \$2,000—donation to War Memorial Fund and \$1,000—to the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Fund which donations I feel sure need no recommendations from me.

I now propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed and that the profit of \$137,587.89 be divided as recommended.

After that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions from shareholders.

The Chairman's proposition was seconded by Mr. H. P. White and carried.

Resolutions re-electing the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. H. P. White and Mr. Allan Cameron as members of the Consulting Committee and re-electing Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Percy Smith, Beth and Fleming as auditors at a remuneration of \$350 each were moved and seconded respectively by Messrs. Hawker and Carroll, Shields and Cordeiro. All were unanimously agreed to.

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PRIVATE'S DEFENCE AT COURT MARTIAL.

In answer to charges of breaking out of barracks on February 9 and of being drunk on the following day, No. 613559 Private Thomas Allum of the 1st Bn. East Surrey Regt., pleaded "not guilty" and explained at a District Court Martial held at Murray Barracks this morning that after feeling unwell in the Royal Naval Canteen he was advised to take some port wine. He felt giddy after it and could not stand up. He knew nothing more until he found himself in the guard room at Murray Barracks. Private Allum said that during the war he was wounded in the head and also had a bad crash in the Royal Flying Corps. At times, he was greatly depressed, as a result of his wounds and externally had the appearance of being drunk.

Major R.S.S. Paton of the 1st Bn. East Surrey Regt., presided. Other members of the Court were Capt. D. S. Hey 2/4 Bombay Grenadiers (K.E.O.), Lieut. E. L. E. Davies R.G.A., Lieut. A. S. Sutton, noted as prosecutor and Lieut. Drake Brookham as the "prisoner's friend."

Lieut. Cpl. C. Moore said on February 9 he was company orderly corporal and was ordered to call the roll accompanied by the Senior N. C. Co. He saw the accused standing at his cot at 6.30 p.m. The next morning, accused was absent at "reville."

Cross-examined by accused, the witness said he considered accused was all right physically when he saw him standing by his cot. He was fully dressed.

Lieut. Cpl. Cosgrave corroborated. Sgt. E. L. Pitcock, G.M.P., stated he was on duty on February 10 at about 10 p.m. in Queen's Road West, when he saw accused in a ricksha near the Hongkong Hotel. For the purpose of inspecting his late pass, he stopped ricksha and found accused to be drunk and without a late pass. He ordered the accused to be taken to Murray Barracks.

Cpl. Hoekman, told the Court that he was commander of the Murray Barracks guard post on February 10. At 12.15 a.m. Private Allum was brought in; he was drunk and incapable of action.

No late pass was issued to accused on February 9, according to Cpl. P. Thorne who was then acting company orderly sergeant. It was part of his duty to issue passes to the man who applied for them. Accused did not have a pass for that day nor was in possession of a permanent one.

Pte. Allum in the course of his statement for defence said that on the evening of the 9th inst. he left Victoria Barracks about 6.30 p.m. to take a walk round Hongkong. About an hour later he went into the Soldier's Club for supper. From there he proceeded to the Royal Naval Canteen where he ordered a pint of beer. A sailor there advised him to have another drink which he refused, explaining that he had been feeling unwell all day. The sailor remarked that he was not looking well and asked him to go upstairs to the rear room where it was quieter.

While there, the sailor came up and advised him to drink a glass of port wine and then to go back to the barracks. He drank the wine and when he tried to stand up he went giddy and after sitting down again, remembered nothing more until he woke up in Murray Barracks.

The Court then adjourned.

HOW PIRATES PROFIT?

PASSENGERS' LUGGAGE NOT EXAMINED.

During the hearing of a remanded case this morning, in which a Chinese was charged with giving a bribe of forty-five cents to a Chinese constable on search-duty at the Kwong Wing wharf, the defendant stated that as a consequence of his payment his luggage was merely "looked at" but not examined, whereupon Mr. W. Hamilton remarked that this might be found the cause of some of the piracies which have occurred so frequently of late.

His Worship was informed that a European sergeant saw defendant hand the money over. This officer took the money from the constable and reported the matter at Headquarters but in the meantime the constable had absconded and was still absent from barracks.

Defendant pleaded ignorance and alleged that the constable asked for money. When told to pay him, he handed over the forty-five cents which was all he had.

In expressing belief in defendant's story, His Worship said that defendant was perhaps foolish and too, accordingly, took a lenient view of the case and imposed a fine of \$5 or 7 days.

DUCHESS OF GENOA.

DEATH OF ITALIAN PRINCESS.

News of the death of the Duchess of Genoa, Princess of the House of Savoy was received by wireless this morning and as a mark of respect the Italian gunboat "Calabria" and other national warships in harbour together with the various Consulates lowered their flags to half-mast.

OUR RENTS LAW.

PREVENTING NEEDLESS RECONSTRUCTION.

AMENDING BILL INTRODUCED.

With the object of preventing the reconstruction of houses which are in a substantially good condition, a bill amending the Rents Ordinance was introduced in the Legislative Council this afternoon by the Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp.

According to the terms of the bill, the reconstruction of houses which are in a reasonably good condition is a wasteful use of the building resources of the Colony, even where the reconstruction provides additional floor area; and in some cases the floor area is reduced. Such reconstruction necessarily involves a temporary reduction in the domestic accommodation of the Colony, and it is against the provisions of the measure and the necessity for the amendments introduced were briefly explained by the Attorney-General, after which the first reading of the bill was carried.

YET ANOTHER YEAR.

RENTS LAW TO BE EXTENDED.

GOOD NEWS FOR TENANTS.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C. gave notice of the following motion, which had, he said, the unanimous support of his unofficial colleagues:—

"That the Rents Ordinance be continued for a further period of one year from the end of June, 1924."

His Excellency the Governor said that it had been his intention to bring forward that motion on behalf of the Government at a suitable opportunity before the present Ordinance expired and under the circumstance perhaps Mr. Pollock would not wish to bring forward "the motion at the moment."

The intention of the Government, His Excellency declared, "is that it should be renewed and I propose to leave the matter entirely to the discretion of the Council."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Six cases of small-pox and one of cerebro spinal fever, all Chinese, were notified yesterday.

The resolution accepting the military lands award was not dealt with by this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council.

The master of the motor boat "Wing Cheung" was fined \$30 at the Marine Court yesterday for carrying excess passengers. The master of the motor boat "Wo Jan" had to pay \$10 for breaking the rule of the road.

A message received locally from Cavito, in the Philippine Islands, warns that floating mines have been reported seen near lat. 34.51N., long. 139.14E. Vessels are asked to report by radio if the mines are sighted, giving their position.

Dressed in a long silk coat, a burly Chinese is alleged to have created a serious disturbance outside Messrs. Yee Sang Fat's premises in Queen's Road Central yesterday afternoon. Eventually he was overpowered and taken to the Central Station by a European officer, an Indian sergeant and an Indian watchman.

One of the most impressive of Chinese funerals seen in Hongkong for some years was that of which passed through Des Voeux Road Central this afternoon when the remains of Mr. Ip Shun-kam, a well-known Chinese public affairs for a long time. He leaves a large family to mourn his loss.

An employee of Messrs. Fung Tang was yesterday ordered to stand his trial at the Sessions on a charge of larceny of \$2,700 from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at the end of January. Mr. Ho Wing, the Bank's comptroller, was complainant and was represented by Mr. M. K. Lo. Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. F. G. Vaux, reserved defence. Fine was reduced from \$4,000 to \$2,000.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Daily Bulletin cable from Peking states that the Government have received a telegram stating that Father Van Praet, the Belgian priest who was recently rescued from bandits, safely arrived at Suifu on the 23rd inst.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, who has been appointed a member of the Legislative Council in place of Mr. E. A. Irving, was sworn in and took his seat at this afternoon's meeting.

DIGGING FOR DOLLARS.

TALKS IN TEA HOUSE.

"ROLLS OF SILK WITHOUT PUPPIES."

"Three rolls of crepe silk without puppies." According to evidence given at the criminal sessions to-day this cryptic phrase is a slang expression used by robbers to denote "daggers without firearms."

The case concerned was heard before Mr. Justice Gompertz and a jury and proved to be of a somewhat unusual nature.

Five men were charged with conspiring to commit an armed robbery in Kowloon and Mr. A. Dyer Ball, who "prosecuted for the Crown, explained that the case was made up of conversations and arrangements between them which clearly showed that at the time of their arrest they were about to embark upon an armed robbery.

The whole thing started, according to Mr. Dyer Ball's opening statement, on January 5 when a certain man named Kong Lok was visited in Hungkong by one of the prisoners. They went together to an opium den where they met another man named Leung Mui.

The conversation turned to the difficulty of finding work and Leung Mui observed that "it would be better to dig than to have nothing to do." This sounded perfectly harmless, Mr. Dyer Ball observed, but the Crown was assured by witnesses that "to dig" was a slang term for robbery.

Leung Mui was alleged to have said that they would "dig" two or three hundred dollars out of the house where he lived at 90 Wuhu Street.

There was further talk of "digging" at meetings on January 25, and January 27. On the last mentioned occasion there were present Kong Lok, two of the prisoners and a man named So Ping. Kong Lok said to one of the prisoners: "Find three rolls of crepe silk without puppies."

This meant bring three daggers but no firearms. Another expression used was "55 friends" believed to be a Triad Society password meaning something like desperadoes or lawless men and the prisoner spoken to by Kong Lok promised to get some of them.

Confining to the arrest of the prisoners, Mr. Dyer Ball said that on January 27 So Ping was walking along Temple Street late at night when he saw four men squatting in a door way and talking together in low tones. He heard one of the prisoners say to the rest: "Arrange to meet in the Ying Wa tea-house on Monday. Be there at 6.30 a.m. to drink tea. Each of us will bring things ready and we will go to Hungkong, number ninety. We will wait in the tea-house until a little after seven and then go to Hungkong."

This, said Mr. Dyer Ball, was apparently a definite arrangement to commit a robbery the next day and So Ping told the police about it. He himself went to the Ying Wa tea-house and saw all the prisoners there. The police eventually arrested all of them and various incriminating articles were found on them. One had a three-cornered file and a packet of six gags consisting of pieces of twinning with wire around them. Two others had daggers of sorts concealed in their socks and a fourth had a long piece of tape in his pocket.

Evidence was given by a number of witnesses including Leung Mui who was produced from the cell. Mr. Dyer Ball explained that he was "a candidate for banishment."

(Proceeding).

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Mr. J. H. Taggart presided and supporting him were Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. E. M. Raymond, J. Scott, Harston (Directors) and Messrs. W. J. Hawker, (Asst. General Manager) and P. H. Snelling (Secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs. A. W. Smith, T. R. Parsons, B. E. Maughan, L. M. Omar, B. L. Bridger, W. H. Brown, E. J. Knight, F. H. Penrycross, H. Birkett and Fung Tat-hang.

The total of shares represented was 1,633,933. All the resolutions were confirmed and passed.

Manila, February 26.—Mr. Ben F. Wright, the new Insular Auditor, refuses to approve the expenses incurred by the Independence Commission, claiming that the appropriation is unconstitutional. Most far-reaching consequences are expected from this action, as the entire Independence propagandists in the United States and many activities of the coalition majority in the Legislature are financed from this appropriation, for which no accounting has hitherto been made.—Reuter.

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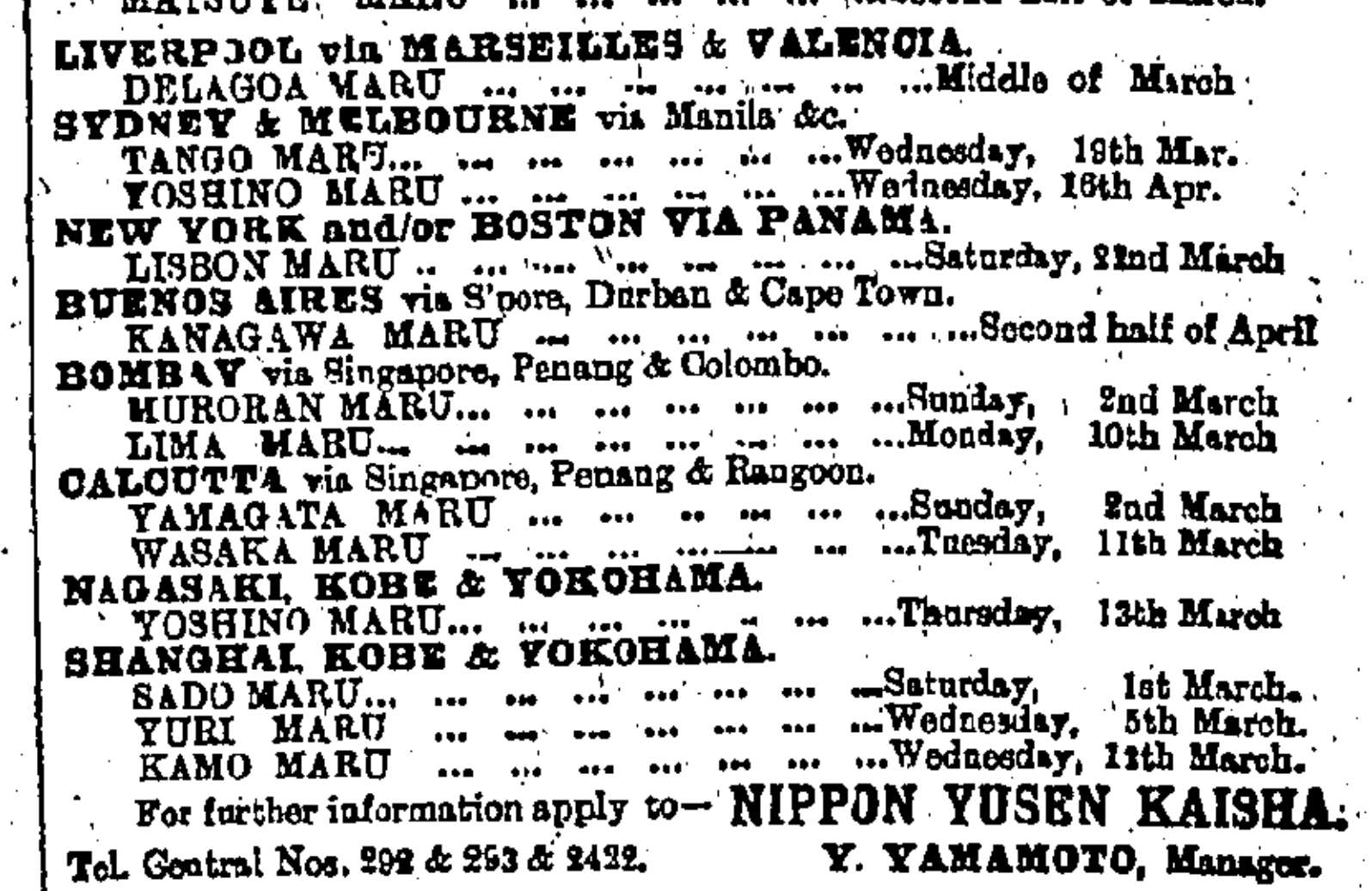
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Prawns, -Ming Ha'	80	36
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Roof Fish, -Shok Kau Kung	22	13
Roach, -Oken Yu'	38	22
Salmon, -Ma Yu'	25	38
Shank, -Sha Yu'	15	8
Shake, -Fo Yu'	18	10
Shimpsea, -Ha'	56	23
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YESTERDAY'S SOCCER.

SOUTH CHINA DEFEAT POLICE.

Playing against the Police yesterday in a first league match, South China scored the decisive victory of 6 goals to nil. The Police, it must be said, were at a disadvantage, starting with a player short and finishing with only nine. Choi Ping-fan opened the scoring with a shot at close range. Not long after, Wong Pak-chong took up the ball from Li Wai-tong and scored from an angle. Wong added to this ten minutes later, Swan the Police goalie appealing for offside. In reply, Post almost scored for the Police. Lau Hing-cheung only saving at the expense of a corner. With the kick, the Police were too eager and in the confusion, the ball was cleared. Transferring the play to the other end, Li Wai-tong sent the ball over the bar twice and despite their repeated attacks, South China failed to add to the score before the interval.

In the second half, the Police pressed. Johnson tried a shot which was saved by Lau. Two free-kicks against South China did not bring the Police any advantage and in the response South China transferred the play, Swan being called upon in quick succession to hold the fort. Eventually, a miskick by Forbes allowed Choi Ping-fan to score and a few minutes later a penalty was declared against the Police. Post, it was alleged, being the offender. Post was asked to leave the field as a result of his questioning the decision. With the kick, Li Wai-tong scored. Shortly before time, Li got the last goal.

The teams were:—
Police: Swan; Fenn and Mair; Kirby, Forbes and Jessop; Simpson, Johnson, Post and Britton.
South China: Lau Hing-cheung; Lai Yuh cat and Chan So; Cheung Wing-sing, Leung Yuh-tong and Lam Yuh-ying; Pang Kam-wing, Choi Ping-fan, Wong Pak-chong, Li Wai-tong and Chan Kwong-ai.
Referee: Mr. Smith.

TROUQUOIS V. E. SURREY RES.

In the second round of the H.K.F.A. Junior Shield competition, Troupois defeated the East Surrey Reserves by 1-0 at 300-kumpoo yesterday and qualified for the semi-final Russell scored the odd goal.

Rome, February 26.—The Naval Conference closed with an official declaration of unanimity which is difficult to reconcile with the reports of dissension among the delegates. Notwithstanding the semi-official denial, the Spanish delegate published a frank statement explaining that he retired because he failed to secure general support for a tonnage of 105,000 instead of the permitted 83,000 tons. Russia uncompromisingly claimed 400,000 tons, also the closure of the Baltic and Dardanelles to all warships.

WHO'S WHO.

LATEST CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Captain J. D. Fraser, of the "Ichang," is on reserve.
Captain J. M. Hopkins, from reserve, has gone master, "Ichang."
Mr. W. R. Kermode has been appointed supply second officer, "Kaching."
Mr. H. A. Settle, from reserve, has gone supply second officer, "Fatsan."
Mr. W. J. Belcher, third engineer, "Szechuen," has gone second engineer, "Shengking."
Mr. C. S. Murray, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Szechuen."
Mr. W. L. Bloodworth, second engineer, "Shengking," is on reserve.
Mr. J. W. Ridley, third engineer, "Newchwang," is on reserve.
Mr. A. Lockerbie has been appointed third engineer, "Newchwang."
Captain H. W. Chandler, of the "Chipsing," has gone master, "Yatshing."
Captain C. E. Webb, of the "Yatshing," is on leave.
Mr. N. Richardson, third officer, "Chipsing," has gone third officer, "Hopsang."
Mr. R. G. Lowden, third officer, "Hopsang," has gone third officer, "Chipsing."
Mr. L. McRae, second officer, "Leesang," is on reserve.
Mr. H. F. Carey, from reserve, has gone supply second officer, "Kungwo."
Mr. H. W. Fraser, supply third engineer, "Kutwo," has gone supply third engineer, "Tingsang."
Mr. J. Ibbotson, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Seistain."
Captain A. N. Seaton, from reserve, has gone master, "Talee."
Captain T. Fletcher, of the "Talee," is on reserve.
Mr. E. A. Neilson, second officer, "Hoisan," is on reserve.
Mr. R. M. de la Sala, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Kasara."
Mr. C. S. Robb, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Phranang."
Mr. C. Mason, chief officer, "Phranang," has gone master same ship.
Captain H. C. Kiddle, of the "Phranang," has gone master, "Yue Ying Wa."
Captain W. Ross, of the "Yue Ying Wa," is on reserve.
Captain E. G. Rapley, from reserve, has gone master, "New Mathilda."
Captain J. H. von den Berg, of the "New Mathilda," is on reserve.
Mr. T. A. Nicholas, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Lorestan."
Mr. E. P. Smith, second officer, "Lorestan," has gone second officer, "Frangestan."
Mr. H. P. Francis, second officer, "Frangestan," has gone acting chief officer, same ship.
Mr. W. R. Reynolds, chief officer, "Frangestan," has gone acting master, same ship.
Captain G. B. Mercer, of the "Frangestan," is on leave.

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Write off Buildings and Plant the sum of \$270,281.91
Pay Final Dividend of \$5 per share on account of year 1923, absorbing 300,000.00
Balance about 320,000.00
(To be carried forward to next year.)

DISPUTE IN COTTON INDUSTRY.

LONDON, February 26.—The Cotton Spinners Federation of Manchester has given notice of a lockout affecting 150,000 cotton operatives, a week hence, unless the strike at the Thornham Spinning Company's mill be settled in the meantime.—*Reuter.*
[A telegram dated London, February 15, stated: A dispute has arisen in the cotton room of the Thornham Spinning Company's mill near Oldham, where three hundred operatives are employed. The point at issue is of the first importance, and may lead to a lock-out involving all the mills within the Federation, and one hundred and fifty thousand operatives. The employers have convened a meeting of the whole trade for February 26.]

EMPIRE TRADE.

WELLINGTON, N.Z., Feb. 26.—Recent investigations regarding the possibilities of opening trade with Eastern countries resulted in an offer by a Dutch shipping company to provide a regular service, provided New Zealand cancels the preferential duties imposed on products from the Dutch Indies. It is stated that the proposal is not likely to be entertained, since the New Zealand Government prefers to make a greater effort to develop Empire trade.—*Reuter.*

DUTCH OIL RESEARCH.

THE HAGUE, February 26.—Government Mineral Research Department borings have resulted in the discovery of oil at Winterswijk, but the extent of the deposits has not yet been ascertained.—*Reuter.*

PARIS PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

PARIS, February 26.—The Produce Exchange, which has been compulsorily closed for the past week, was permitted to reopen upon representatives of the sugar, oil and rubber interests agreeing to stringent regulations like the exclusion of foreigners and a reduction in periods for the execution of contracts.—*Reuter.*

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:—

Java Sugar, average quality per picul net—No. 24 rough white \$15.75; No. 24 fine white 16.80; No. 18 rough brown 15.00; Java Brown 13.75
Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net—No. 1 Siam long white superior—Old crop, \$9.20; new crop, 8.48; No. 1 Saigon long white 7.50.
Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—Dayton \$2.72; Banana 2.60; Kawan 2.75; White Greens 2.78; Kingfisher 2.90; Sperry's XXX 3.40; Big Gun 2.90; Reindeer 2.83; Meilon 2.83.

DUTCH TRADE.

The figures of Dutch imports and exports for 1923, which have just been published by the Central Bureau of Statistics at The Hague, show a considerable reduction in the amount of the adverse balance of visible movements which for 1923 was even lower than for 1913. The following table contains figures of the value of foreign trade during the past four years compared with 1913 (in millions of gld.):—

	Imports.	Exports.	Balance.
1923	2,009	1,303	706
1922	2,028	1,221	807
1921	2,240	2,370	890
1920	3,335	1,704	1,632
1913	3,918	3,083	835

KAILAN COAL.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending February 9, 1924, amounted to 43,716 tons. The total output of the Kailan Administration's mines for the week ending February 16, amounted to 21,356 tons and the sales during the period to 55,557 tons.

SHIPPING AT ANTWERP.

Although conditions for navigation have not been normal during the greater part of the month of December owing to prolonged periods of fog and a shortage of rolling stock in port, the month of December shows satisfactory figures, there being a small increase over the corresponding figures of last year.

The chief features of the traffic for the month under review was the arrival of important cargoes of wood. The British flag, as usual, holds first place. It is followed by the German flag, with the Belgian being third and Norwegian fourth. Shipping statistics for Antwerp in the year 1923 show an increase in the arrivals and departures of vessels of 1,028 ships and a tonnage greater than that of 1922 by 3,298,916 tons.

It is worthy of note that over 50 per cent. of the traffic of the port is one under the British flag. Germany has improved her position over last year's figures, and it is generally thought she will continue to maintain second place in the port's traffic.

RICE FOR JAPAN.

In accordance with the decision already reported the Department of Agriculture and Commerce has announced an extension of the term for free importation of rice till July 31. The announcement draws attention to the shortage that must be expected from the last crop, and hopes that the trade will rise to the occasion, so that the Government will not be called upon to undertake importation to supplement the quantity supplied by dealers. Should the Government take up the matter in order to deal with the food situation that may arise from the short supply of foreign rice, it will be done with due regard for the cereal law, and there will be no fear of the importation by the trade being unfavourably affected.

RECORD CONTRACT.

The hydro-electric department of Messrs. Vickers, Limited, has received an order for the largest single-runner Francis water-turbine to be built in England. This is a 25,000 horse-power water-turbine to be installed at Calumet Island on the Ottawa River in Canada.

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RUBBER REPORT.

The report of the Kundong Rubber Estate, Ltd., for the twelve months ended September 30 last states that, after charging depreciation upon the assets of the company, the profit and loss account shows a net profit on the year's working of \$13,385.16. Deducting the debit balance of \$10,228.46 brought forward from last account there remains a credit of \$3,156.70 which the directors recommend be carried forward. The crop harvested during the year amounted to 172,821 lbs. and the average net sale price, including the estimated value of the unsold portion of the crop, was 47.77 cents, while the cost of production was 28.63 cents per lb. In his last report the Visiting Agent, Mr. J. C. Henderson, writes:—I was well satisfied with the appearance of the property, and the various works are being carried out in a satisfactory manner.

TRADE MARKS LAW.

PEKING, February 27.—The Diplomatic Corps have not yet received a reply to their Note stating the conditions upon which the Powers are prepared to recognise the Trade Marks Law. It appears that the Powers, on January 12, sent a Note to the Waichiaoou requesting a general assurance that the new Law would not operate in any way detrimental to foreign treaty rights. Notably to this Note had been received when the aforesaid Note was sent, but later the Waichiaoou replied giving an undertaking that priority of trade marks registered with the Customs would be guaranteed. This was not what the Diplomatic Corps wanted, as they were satisfied with the provision in the Trade Marks law which recognises priority of usage, even though the mark is not registered with the Customs. In a further Note, therefore, the Diplomatic Corps removed the Chinese misapprehension in that regard, and now there does not seem to be any serious obstacle in the way of a final settlement.

Without casting doubt on the Chinese good intentions, the Diplomatic Corps point out that obviously the Chinese will meet with serious difficulties in applying their law unless foreign expert assistance is employed.

It has been hinted that the cost of such assistance will be considerable, but this is a small consideration in view of the amount of revenue China will receive immediately the Powers recognise the Law. But if the Government invite the assistance of a Customs Commissioner familiar with the registration of trade marks, that probably will be found to be satisfactory as a preliminary measure, and taken as a proof of a desire to make progress in this important matter.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

CANTON LEADER DEAD.

MR. CHAN WING-HSIN DIES AT MACAO.

NOTABLE CAREER ENDED.

Attempted Assassination Recalled.

Shot twice in the back while going down Gleaney in a chair one evening about a year ago, Mr. Chan Wing-hsin (Cantonese pronunciation), who was formerly Director of the Arsenal, Commissioner of River Defence and a Major-General in the Kwangtung Army under Chan Kwing-ming's regime, has died at Macao. Mr. Chan was known to many Hongkong business men, both European and Chinese, as the son of ex-Civil Governor Chan Chik-yu and the nephew of Mr. Chan Kang-yu, compradore of Messrs. Douglas Lauprak, who died about ten days ago at his Gleaney residence.

Mr. Chan Wing-hsin's attempted assassination by an unknown assailant last year created considerable stir in political circles, several reports appearing in the Canton vernacular press to the effect that he had succumbed to his wounds. On his admission to hospital his condition was considered critical but thanks to the untiring efforts of Dr. McKenny and other officers, he pulled round, and was subsequently discharged. However, the bullets had so injured the spine that he was partially paralysed and found difficulty in getting about. It is now thought that his death has been brought about by his physical condition having been materially weakened. Despite a substantial reward, the assailant was never captured.

Mr. Chan's age is given as about thirty-eight or thirty-nine. He was a typical product of Young China and earned a name as a rigorous administrator while in office at Canton. It is not known if he was born abroad but his native village was Wong Mau Cheh, now known as Mui Kai, in the Heungshan district, opposite Macao. He was educated locally and at Yale University and was in business in Hongkong for some years before entering politics, being one of the founders of the Pacific Trading Co.

On the expulsion of Lu Yung-tung and Mu Yung-hsien—the Kwangsi militarists—from Canton, Dr. Sun returned to Canton jointly with General Chan Kwing-ming and the late Mr. Chan took office as Director of the Canton Arsenal. When the split took place in June, 1922 between Dr. Sun and General Chan and Ip Kue had effected his coup, the deceased sided with his namesake. Being appointed Major-General, Mr. Chan led an expedition into his native district to quell a rising on Dr. Sun's behalf by Ju Cheuk-man. After this campaign, he seized a number of river gunboats and armed launches with which he drove the remnants of the "People's Army" from Heungshan and then built up the nucleus of the River Defence Corps to which he was appointed Commissioner. His father, Mr. Chan Chik-yu, was then made Civil Governor and the son became one of the most important personalities in Canton politics till the beginning of last year when Chan Kwing-ming's faction was driven from rule by the Yunnan and Kwangsi invaders who had rallied to Dr. Sun's standard above Wuchow.

Deceased returned to Hongkong to live quietly but was shot in the back shortly afterwards. Since his recovery he has been more or less of an invalid and his death is now reported from his residence at the Praya Grande, Macao.

The late Mr. Chan has a brother who was District Magistrate of Heungshan and Mr. Wong Shau-min, drum-major in the Hongkong Police Reserve during the War, was aide-de-camp to deceased till the split in June, 1922.

The funeral ceremonies will take place in Macao.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Call of \$2.50 per Share on each of the 95,000 Shares allotted on the 8th day of November, 1922, has been made by the Company, and that such call will be payable to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong, on the 15th day of March, 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to 15th March, both days inclusive.

For and on behalf of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd. S. COURTNEY COOK, Secretary.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 1924.

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MAH-JONGG NOTES NEED FOR A HONGKONG LEAGUE.

RECOGNISED SET OF RULES REQUIRED.

Although it has been claimed that Mah-Jongg has obtained a strong foothold in Hongkong society—even to the extent of bridge having been seriously threatened—and that the game is now "the rage" in America, it has been left to a few lady enthusiasts at Home to establish the first Mah-Jongg League with a set of basic rules which would be recognised by all members and thus eliminate possibility of misunderstanding. Extraordinary and Miss Olga Rastner, published in a recent issue of *Pearson's Magazine*, were reproduced in this column a fortnight ago.

Last week a reader signing himself "Beginner" asked whether a rule pertaining to automatic increasing of scores for a self-drawn "chow" was correct. He was told that although not generally recognised the understanding—as apart from a basic rule—had been stretched so that when a player drew from the wall to complete a hand, he could claim that any other card in his hand, not yet exposed, was drawn instead of the one actually taken from the wall, so as to increase his score. Another reader who claims twelve years' experience of the game has written this week to say that the understanding has been exaggerated. The writer of these Notes does not insist that his interpretation is either absolutely correct or universally recognised. It was merely suggested that in some instances, players who had acquired slight-of-hand to such a degree that it was not possible for others to distinguish the card they had drawn and/or discarded, had overcome arguments by permitting the laxity in a self-drawn chow. There was no laying down of the law that it had to be incorporated in any established set of rules.

As a matter of fact, this elastic system is rarely allowed outside clubs comprising natives of Swatow and Fukien who form a considerable part of the Hongkong Chinese merchant class. Amongst Cantonese players the liberty is restricted to something on the following lines, viz:—

If a player has two exposed sequences and has in his hand the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 of either characters, circles or bamboos as the case may be, he would require either the 2, 5 or 8 of that denomination to make a pair of eyes. As the two sequences bring no points this would be a non-scoring hand (double the base points or, *Ping-Woo*) as he had two or more "calls." But if instead of two exposed sequences he had either one or two pungs (three of a kind) it would not be a *Ping-Woo* hand. The laxity in this case would be confined to claiming (for a discard, 2 points) and (for a self-draw, 4 points) if he got either the 2, 5 or 8 to make a pair of eyes. On the other hand if he had two exposed sequences and in his hand the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 and drew the 7 he would only get 12 points (on a 10 point basis) as he actually did not have two or more calls and did draw the "middle sequence" to chow.

In a locally printed set of rules exhibited in most Chinese clubs this is most emphatically laid down. Broadly translated this reads:—

"If there are two calls this can be claimed to be *Ping-Woo* (non-scoring hand—double the base score). When a self-draw is made to chow, that player can count as he chooses, i.e., if there are two calls, the player must lay down his hand to prove the fact and the card drawn must be shown to all the other players to substantiate it."

Big Score Penalties.

A good many Europeans are not quite clear on the question of penalties when a player incurs the responsibility of paying up for the other two when he discards a card for the fourth player to chow a big score after the latter has laid down nine or more cards on the table. This is especially so in the case of the Four Blessings (sets of the Winds) and the Three Scholars (sets of the Dragons).

Penalties are only incurred when a maximum score is made, so that when player A discards for B to chow an incomplete Three Scholars or Four Blessings hand, he does not have to pay up for C and D.

A proper Three Scholars hand is when at least three of a kind are obtained of all three dragons and the remaining cards in the hand can be either mixed sequences

exposed or unexposed sets of three with any pair of eyes. If only two sets of dragons are obtained and the eyes consist of a pair of the third dragon, this is only a *minor* Three Scholars hand for which an extra *faan* is given. For example, a completed hand is a set of red dragons, a set of green dragons, a sequence of bamboos, three's or a sequence of circles, and a pair of white dragons. This would rate one *faan*, or double, for the red dragons, another for the green and a third for the *minor* Three Scholars; if the remaining cards were all of one kind, say bamboos, there would be another *faan* for "Mixed One Denomination Numerals." In this case no player would have to pay for the others even though the winner had both sets of dragons and another three cards on the table and the player in question discarded the one white dragon to give him a pair of eyes. But supposing, B had sets of red and green dragons exposed, with or without other additional cards laid down, and A discarded one of the set of white dragons to give a chow-ing-set of three, A would be penalised to extent of having to pay up for himself and C and D. Should A discard the third dragon and B *pung* this getting three sets of dragons exposed, and if B ultimately wins by a self-draw or A gives another discard for B chow, then A has to pay up for C and D as well. If B ultimately chows as the result of a discard by either C or D, then each loser pays for himself.

The Four Blessings.

The Four Blessings count as a maximum score when there are three sets of winds—one of which must be the player's own—and the pair of eyes consist of the remaining wind. If the player chows with four sets of winds and a pair of eyes consisting of any other pair, this is all the more so a proper Four Blessings, but the minimum to rank full points must be three sets including one's own wind, a pair of the fourth wind and either a sequence or any three of a kind. If a player has the south wind seat, irrespective of the wind of the round, and his completed hand is a set each of the east, west and north winds, a numerical sequence set, and a pair of south winds as eyes, then this is only a *minor* Four Blessings hand, rating an extra *faan*, for which there is no penalty. Supposing B has laid down on the table, a set of the south (his own) wind, and two other sets of winds and A discards one of the remaining wind whereby B chows immediately either by making the fourth set of winds or pairing of the eyes, this is a maximum hand and A has to pay for C and D as well. If B only *pungs* the fourth wind and ultimately chows by a self-draw or a discard from A, the penalty holds good; but if B ultimately chows from a discard (of a minor numeral) from C or D, each pays for himself.

It is impossible, in the space of this column, to set forth all the consequences that may arise from having the foundations of a maximum scoring hand on the table and a player discarding an important card. Different players have different rules and until one standard is generally adopted, enthusiasts may often run up against an unusual ruling in a game with strange players. The only remedy lies in forming a league on the lines of the people at Home. Meanwhile, in the interests of Mah-Jongg, the writer will be pleased to give assistance or demonstrations, thanks to the aid of a number of experienced enthusiasts.

Reader of the *China Mail* desiring information about the game in all its phases or wishing to have any point cleared up, are invited to send their inquiries to this office and replies will be published in this column on Thursdays. Correspondence is invited.

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PROPERTY OWNERS ALARMED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, February 27.

Interest, particularly of those vitally concerned, is concentrated on some propaganda in the form of a brochure, alleged to have originated from Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Definite Soviet leanings are noticeable in the book, the main object of which seems to be education of the masses to demanding and endorsing the nationalisation of all real estate.

The book explains that the present tribulations are the result of a military government being imperative although it is only the transitional stage to a Utopian regime. If Dr. Sun's authority has not been forged then he is, to put it in a nutshell, preaching that the new forms of revenue-raising are necessary to drive away misrule, that the present troubles are but the dawn to peace, and that to attain to the good times ahead, private property must be nationalised, the last being construed by many as merely repudiating title-deeds and re-selling the property to fill the war-coffers.

Property-owners are not a little alarmed at this step towards the Soviet system. A good many have sought and others are still seeking nominal mortgages from or transfers to foreign subjects so as to have their property under the foreign registry, the object being the self-styled representatives of the public. In one quarter it is predicted that a mass meeting will be convoked to express its approval of nationalisation and the Generalissimo's government would carry out its wishes in place of the paralysed and almost defunct Provincial Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

On Wednesday His Excellency and Lady Stubbs entertained Vice-Admiral Frochet, and some of his Officers, to luncheon at Government House. Those present included, H. E. Major-General Sir John Fowler, Commodore and Mrs. Grace, Miss Grace, Captain Crichton of H.M.S. "Calabria," Captain Lavallee de Mabeuge, Captain Vigoroux d'Arviest, Mr. and Mrs. Edgins, Miss Cabitt, Mons. and Madame Tulasne, Com-mander Lannon of U.S.S. "Helen," Commander of the Portuguese gunboat "Patria," Lieut.-Comdr. Worthington, R.N., Lieut. Motter, A.D.C., and Lieut. Hall, A.D.C.

On Friday, February 29, His Excellency and Lady Stubbs have invited Commander and Mrs. Watkins, Mr. and Miss Owen Hughes and Captain Hey, to dinner; after which they and their Guests will attend the S.P.C.A. Fancy Dress Ball at the City Hall.

On Saturday, March 1, His Excellency and Lady Stubbs attended by Captain R. Neville, A.D.C., will lunch with Vice-Admiral Frochet in the cruiser "Jules Ferry."

On Monday, March 3, His Excellency and Lady Stubbs will be present at Lady Fowler's dance at Headquarters House.

On Tuesday, March 4, His Excellency, attended by Mr. Gaisford St. Lawrence, will dine with the members of the Civil Service Cricket Club at Volunteer Headquarters.

On Thursday, March 6, His Excellency and Lady Stubbs will visit the Horticultural Show on the Volunteer Ground.

"THE QUANTS"

ANOTHER BREEZY SHOW.

Many old favourites were revived in "Wanted a Smile" with which Mr. Salisbury and his "Quants" entertained a keenly appreciative audience at the Theatre Royal last evening. Tunesome choruses, notably effective staging and the remarkable verse of the performers combined to make the show go through with an infectious swing from the breezy opening chorus to the absurd burlesque of "Hilge" choir which ended the programme. Mr. Salisbury, of course, was literally the life and soul of the show and amongst those who most nobly assisted him were Miss Olive Turner and Miss Dorothy James.

To-night "the Quants" are to give excerpts from "Polly" and "Wanted a Smile" and to-morrow as well as on Saturday, they will present the Second Edition of the "Nine O'Clock Revue."

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"ANN."

TAIKOO DRAMATIC CLUB'S SUCCESS.

(Contributed.)

Last night the Quarry Bay A.D.C. presented "Ann" to a crowded house. The play is already well known having been adopted from Lechmere Worrall's book, and had its first run at the Criterion, London in 1912.

The leading part of Ann Anning, the young American reporter, was most ably played by Mrs. G. Gerrard, who even overcame the difficulty of the American accent. Mr. Robertson as Edward Hargrave, quite excelled himself, and his acting was quite high class. Mr. Shearman as Billy, also deserves great credit. The premier honours of the evening however go to Mr. G. McLeod as the Rev. Samuel Hargrave, who with his clerical manner, kept the audience in roars of laughter. Miss Hansen, as Mrs. Hargrave played her part excellently, looking extremely sweet and quite motherly. Mrs. McLeod, as Miss Lipscombe, the model of what a rather young lady should be, also did well. The band played favourable selections throughout the evening, and much of its success is due to their fine effort.

Mr. Robertson is to be congratulated on the success of the play, not only one of the actors, but also the producer, most of the work having fallen on his shoulders.

The stage lighting under the direction of Mr. Shand was good, and Mr. Simpson is to be congratulated on his scenery.

It is with regret that we learn this is going to be the only showing of this play, and we feel sure that if they were induced to come to the Theatre Royal it would draw a large house, as it is certainly worth seeing.

The proceeds of the entertainment are going to swell the M.C.L. funds, and we learn a nice little sum has been collected.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Reuter cable from Havana states that "Butling" Sick, the boxer, is seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia.

Captain S. Robinson, R.N.R., who as commander of the "Empress of Australia," performed heroic work at Yokohama during the earthquake, besides being invested with the C.B.E., has been conferred upon him the Freedom of the City of New York. He is now in charge of the "Empress of Canada," which left New York on January 30 on her around-the-world cruise.

In the annual report, to be presented to the annual meeting of shareholders to-night, the Union Church Committee of Management place on record their high appreciation of the services rendered to the Church by Mr. E. J. Chapman who was Organist for 15 years and has now retired. The report mentions that his successor, Mr. S. Collett, is serving "with much ability and acceptance."

Mr. H. E. Byram, President of The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway will be a passenger from Seattle to the Orient on the Admiral Oriental Liner "President McKinley" due at Hongkong on March 18. Mr. Byram is President of one of the most important trans-continental American Railways and is a figure well known in the Railroad World.

A very pretty wedding, attended by a host of both foreign and Chinese friends of the bride and groom, took place recently in Shanghai, between Dr. W. S. New and Miss Y. T. Zee. The ceremony was performed at the new Shantung Road Chapel by the Rev. Ernest Box, assisted by Pastor Lee Sook-kang. Following the ceremony a banquet, attended by 800 persons, was held at the Great Eastern Hotel.

HOCKEY.

YESTERDAY'S FAST GAME.

The Club's 2nd eleven came out victorious at the Marine Ground, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, over the Navy A., eleven, after an extremely fast game.

The game started off with the Navy pressing but this did not last very long, and the Club kept most of the play down the Navy end after the first few minutes. Holdman started the scoring from a long corner, with a fine shot that gave the goalie no chance; then the Club seemed to get going Meacock scoring another shortly after. The Navy bucked up somewhat now and play was fairly even, till nearly half time, when Meacock once more scored.

The second half opened with the Navy again pressing, but some good saves from Bower prevented their scoring. Bowley then went through and gave the Navy their first goal.

The Club were not dismayed however and from a good rush down the field by Baron, who was playing a good game at outside right, added one more to Meacock's list. The Club now showed decided signs of weakening, the pace having been too great for most, while the Navy on the other hand still seemed good, and showed it, by Vincent putting in two goals in quick succession and it looked as if the Club were going to lose their victory in the last few minutes, but after Vincent's second they seemed to buck up, and kept the Navy out till the end, which was not far off.

For the first time this season the Club's forward line seemed to be in perfect harmony, with the halves and backs playing well, Evans, Schnepel and Edmonds in the defence are especially to be congratulated on their good game.

For the Navy, Worthington played a very fine game at centre half. We learn with pleasure that the Club is going to run three teams next week. The first are down to play a return match with the Grenadiers, while the second are facing the East Surreys and the third a team from the University. This is very encouraging.

CLUB DEFEATED.

Yesterday afternoon at the U.S.R.C. ground at Kowloon, the Club suffered defeat at the hands of the Grenadiers.

The game was extremely fast, the Grenadiers running the Club off their feet. Notwithstanding this the Club pegged away and only lost, after a very good game, by the narrow margin of one goal.

The Grenadiers took the lead from the start being two up to the Club's one at half time, Woodward scoring for the Club.

The second half was more even both sides obtaining two each. More and Sims, scoring for the Club.

The ground was a trifle bumpy but did not interfere very seriously with the play.

Newton King, who scored two out of the four Grenadier goals was playing a fine game, while the Club was playing as well as usual. More's goal was certainly a very fine piece of work.

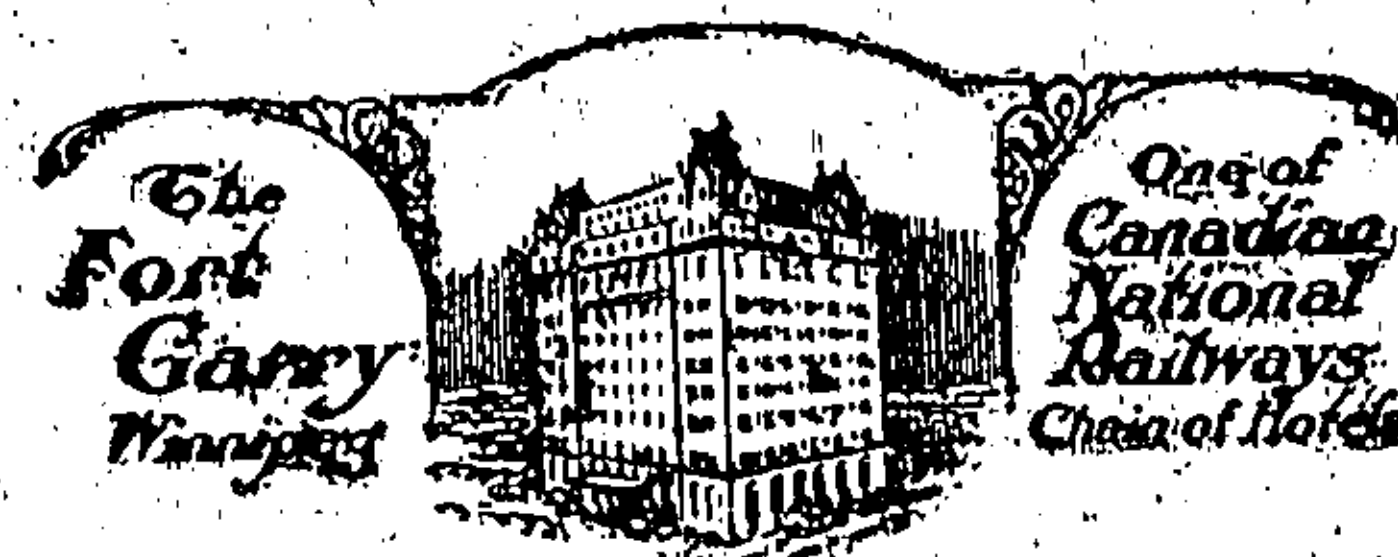
A return match is to be played next week, and we trust the Club will come out the victors this time.

THE STAR.

"THE QUANTS" ON SUNDAY.

Sir J. M. Barrie's "Sentimental Tommy," starring Gareth Hughes and May MacAvoy, is likely to make many friends at the Star. A year ago, when the book was first written, it was hailed both by Press and Public as a masterpiece, even for the famous author of "My Lady Nicotine." The idyll of Thrums, with its charming romance between Tommy and Grizel, is superbly presented.

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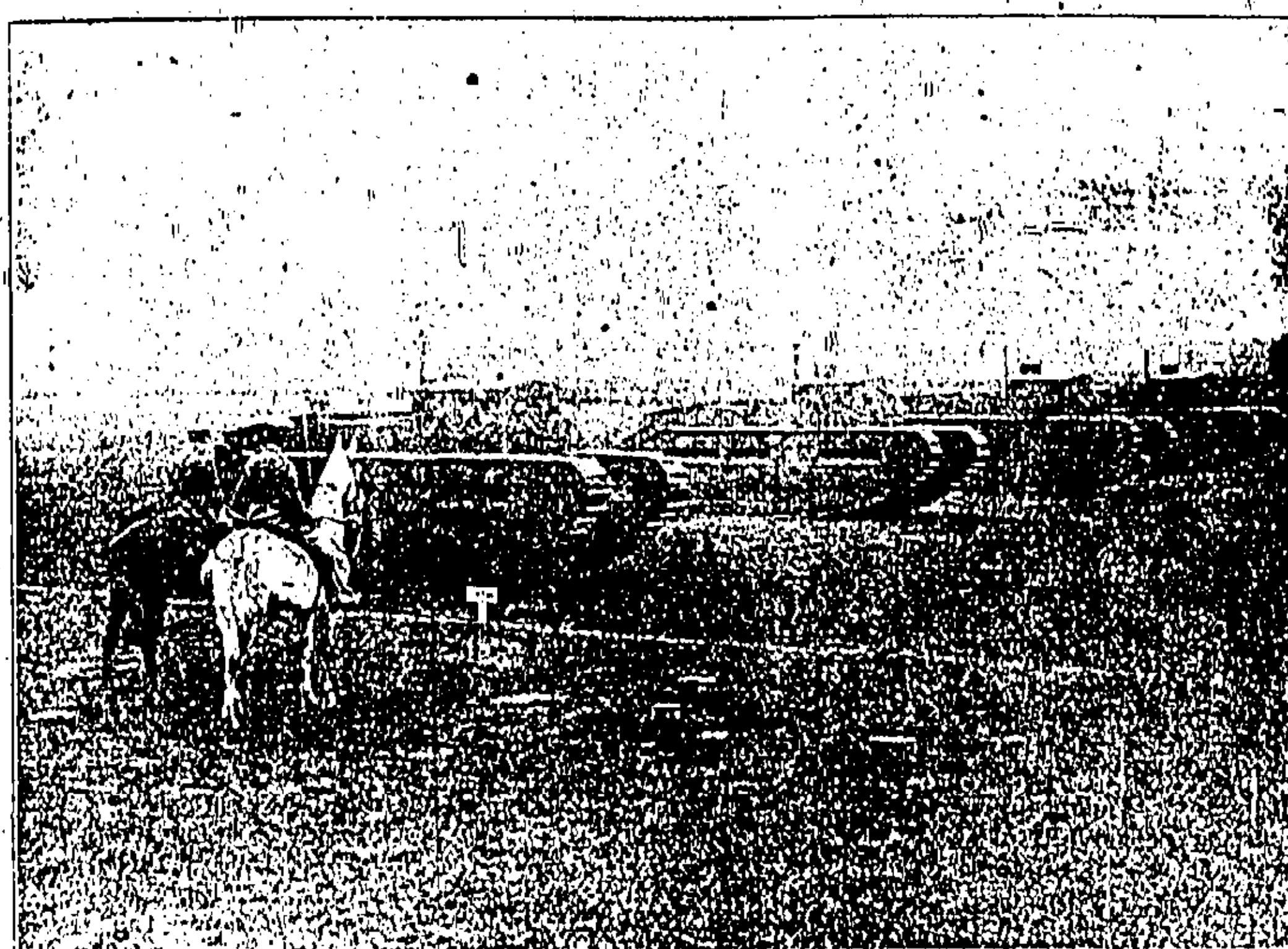


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Otto von Kuhn, the German
General, who is alleged by one
of the Munich high treason
prisoners to have approved the
monarchist revolt which has
led to the trial.



Under Secretary for Foreign
Affairs who is mentioned in
to-day's cables as giving in-
formation about the Boxer
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Mr. Hughes, who is reported in
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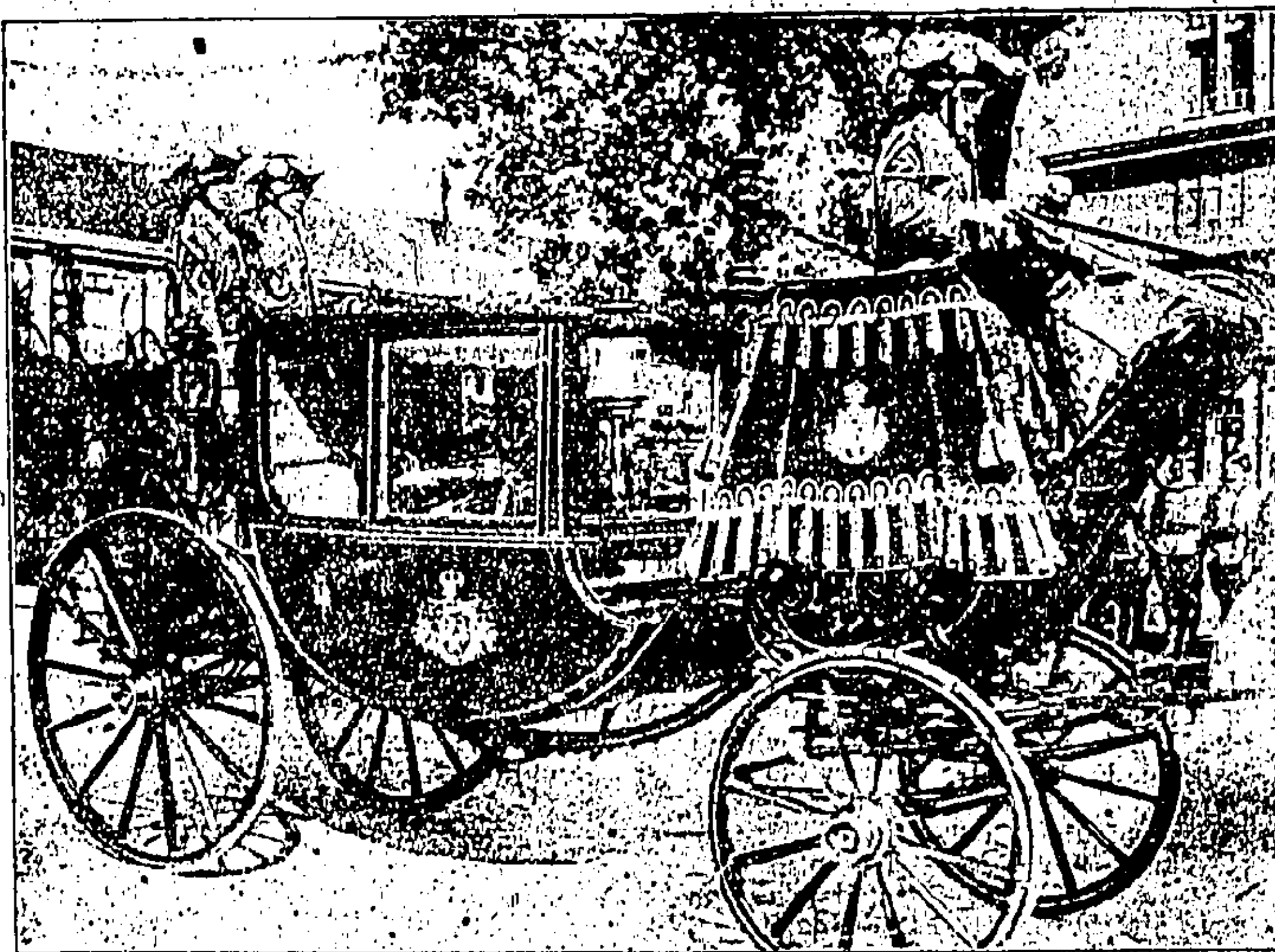


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